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**BIG BATTLE PENDING  
ALONG LUNGHAI LINE**

Enormous Extension Of Japanese Troops In China

**—PEACE—  
NEGOTIATIONS  
OUT OF  
QUESTION**Shanghai, To-day.  
The Japanese Ambassador to China, Mr. Kawagoe, in an interview yesterday, declared that peace negotiations with the Chiang Kai-shek regime were out of the question, and Japan should repudiate the National Government.

Formation of a new government in Central China was a necessity which should be protected from pressure by the National Government.—Reuter.

**PLAIN FACTS  
OF JAPANESE  
INTENTIONS**London, To-day.  
The "Daily Herald" commenting on the declaration of the secretary of the Japanese Cabinet that "Japan will go ahead" in the Far East, talks of the Japanese dream that Japan is supreme boss.

There is no room for an independent Chinese Government, no room for Western nations, and that fact sticks out in sharp black above the snowstorm of Japanese apologies.—Reuter.

**SYMPTOM OF  
ANGLO-JAPANESE  
TENSION**London, To-day.  
The attitude of the Japanese authorities in Shanghai is sharply criticised by the evening papers here in connection with the maltreatment of British members of the International Police Force.

The papers unanimously regard the new incident as a symptom of growing tension between Britain and Japan.—Trans-Ocean.

Non-Official Justices of the Peace who are expecting to be absent from the Colony for any considerable part of the current year are requested to notify the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, accordingly, and to furnish at the same time the dates of their intended departure and return.

**Military Jugular  
Vein Of China  
At Stake**

The Japanese armies are "enormously extending," according to qualified observers, who point out that the dispositions of the Japanese forces comprise an area greater than the combined European fronts in the Great War.

The Japanese are believed to have more than 350,000 men spread over vast areas in China. As a result of troop movements, the number of soldiers in the immediate vicinity of Shanghai has now been reduced to about 6,000.

Main operations at present are concentrated on the battle for the Lunghai Railway, "militarily China's jugular vein," which connects Sian-fu, capital of Shensi, with the seaport of Haichow.

Two Japanese armies, totalling about 60,000 men, whose ranks have been steadily swollen with reinforcements, have been advancing from north and south in the past week along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, their objective being Hsuechowfu.

**KWEITEH EXPOSED**

The army from the north is now heading for Lincheng, but sudden abandonment of Tsining by General Han Fu-chu's troops, exposes Kweiteh, on the Lunghai line, west of Hsuechowfu.

The next move, therefore, may be an attempt to isolate the Chinese troops concentrated on Hsuechowfu, compelling them to retire westwards along the Lunghai Railway to Kaifeng and Chengchow, in Honan, in order to form junction at Chengchow with Chinese force on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, where strong defences have been prepared.

**KWANGSI DIVISIONS**

Chinese troops in the Hsuechowfu area are estimated to total about 100,000, including three Kwangsi divisions under the command of General Li Tsung-jen.

These troops have plenty of courage and fighting spirit but are severely lacking in artillery.

It is estimated that China's total artillery is barely sufficient for two divisions, whereas the Japanese have full artillery support for the seventeen divisions already in China.

**PLANS MODIFIED**

As a result of the Japanese advance along the Tientsin-Pukow

**JAPAN'S PLANS  
FOR NORTH  
CHINA FINANCE**

Peiping, To-day.

The "provisional government of the republic of China," recently established under Japanese auspices, announces formation of a committee of eight local bankers for the purpose of creating a joint reserve bank.

It is semi-officially stated that the new bank will have a capital of approximately \$3,000,000 and will issue new currency linked with the yen and the Manchukuo dollar.—Reuter.

**JAPAN  
GETTING  
CAUTIOUS?**

Shanghai, To-day.

Reliable reports state that abandonment or postponement of Japanese invasion of South China is explained by determination to avoid possible repetition of incidents such as took place on the Yangtse.—Trans-Ocean.

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# Imperial Airways Huge Fleet

Imperial Airways now have in service or on order 80 aeroplanes, of an aggregate of 185,065 h.p.

A complete list of these aircraft is issued with the report of the annual general meeting.

In view of the Air Ministry's decision to hold an inquiry into allegations of inefficiency in British air lines, details of Imperial Airways equipment are of special interest.

With the exception of four aeroplanes engaged on special charter or survey duty and the Mayo Composite experimental aircraft, all the machines are, or will be, on air line services.

Speeds given here are the normal cruising speeds of the respective types. The maximum speeds are considerably greater. Scheduled route speeds are based on economical cruising speeds, plus a margin allowed for adverse winds.

## The Present Fleet

The fleet of Imperial Airways consists of:

29 Empire four-engined Bristol-Pegasus flying-boats, of which six have yet to be delivered. Cruising speed about 165 m.p.h.

Two Shortland aeroplanes—the four-engined Scylla and Syrin. C. S. 95 m.p.h.

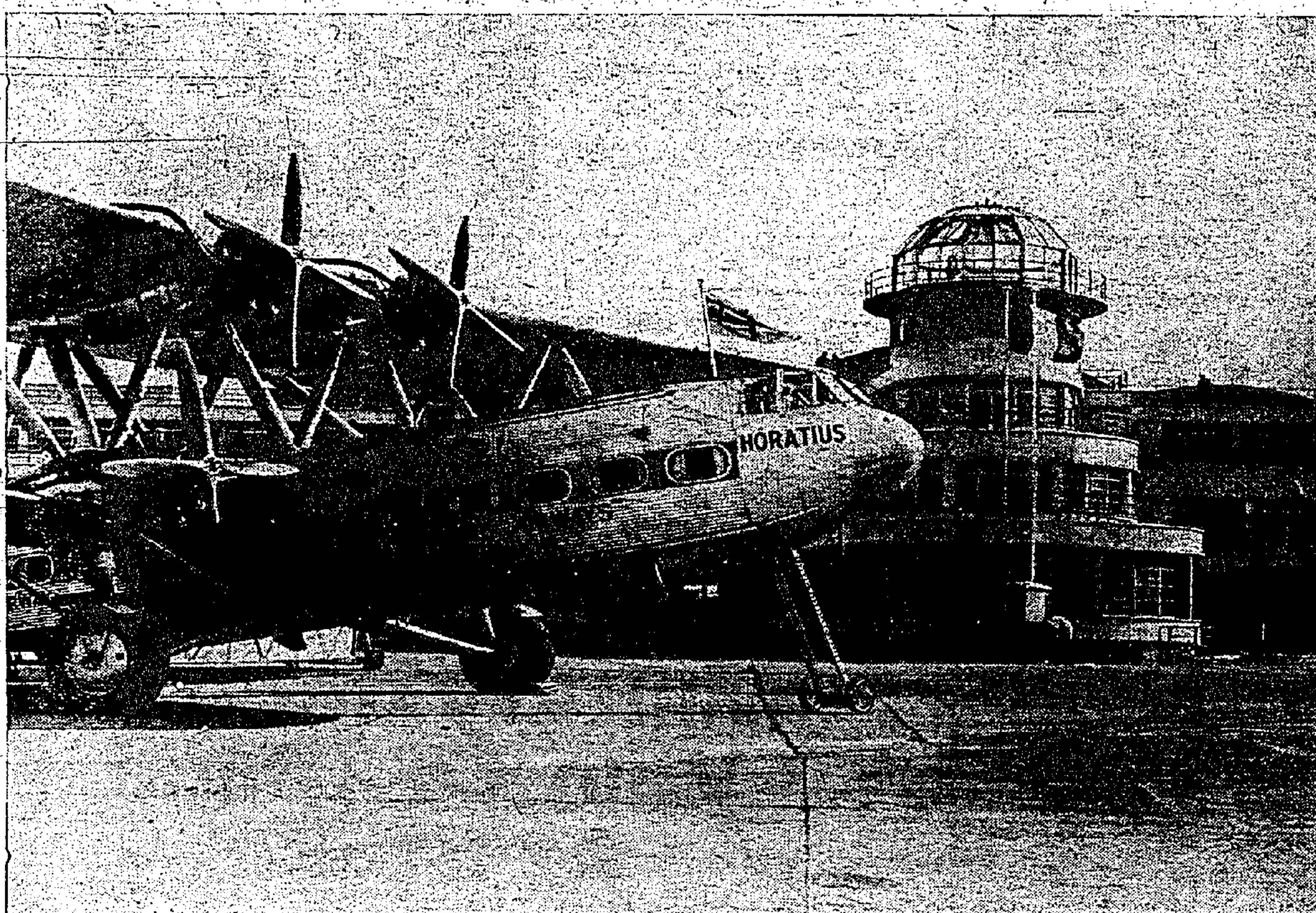
Seven four-engined Handley Page land aeroplane, Jupiter engines, of which there are three on the European services and four on the section between Alexandria and Karachi. C. S. about 95 m.p.h.

Five four-engined land aeroplanes of the Atalanta class. C. S. about 120 m.p.h.

Eleven D. H. 86 four-engined—Gipsy Six engines—small air liners of the Diana class. C. S. 145 m.p.h.

Fourteen four-engined land aeroplanes of the Ensign class—A. S. Tiger engines—not yet delivered. C. S. about 165 m.p.h.

Five four-engined machines of the D. H. Albatross—Gipsy Twelve engines—type not yet delivered.



Imperial Airways liner "Horatius" in front of the control tower of the magnificent new airport at Le Bourget. (Fox Copyright).

C. S. exceeds 200 m.p.h.

Types of the respective services are:

London-Paris: The Heracles type. C. S. about 95 m.p.h.

London-Brussels-Cologne: The Scylla type. C. S. about 95 m.p.h.

Southampton-Alexandria: Empire flying-boats. C. S. about 165 m.p.h.

Alexandria-Kisumu and Durban: Empire flying-boats.

Alexandria-Karachi: One service by Empire flying-boats and one by Hannibal class of land air liner each week.

Karachi-Singapore: The Atalanta class.

Penang-Hong Kong: The Diana class.

Khartoum to Lagos: The Diana class.

Bermuda-New York: Empire flying-boat.

Owing to the delay in deliveries of new types, due, it is stated, to the rearmament programme, the realisation of the plan for a schedule of 2½ days between London and Karachi will not yet be possible. It depends upon the Ensign type, and since this type has yet to undergo manufacturers' and official tests before going into production it does not appear likely that it will be in service before next midsummer.

The programme of replacements may have to be modified, for it is not yet known whether the Ensign or the Albatross type will be the first to be available.

It is intended, as soon as possible, to put faster machines than those now in use on certain of the European lines on which foreign air lines are at present outstripping us in speed.

It has been stated that the Albatross type is not intended for boat now being built will be tried.

the main Empire routes. It may, depending upon date of delivery, be available for European lines. In certain circumstances it might be put on the Paris route.

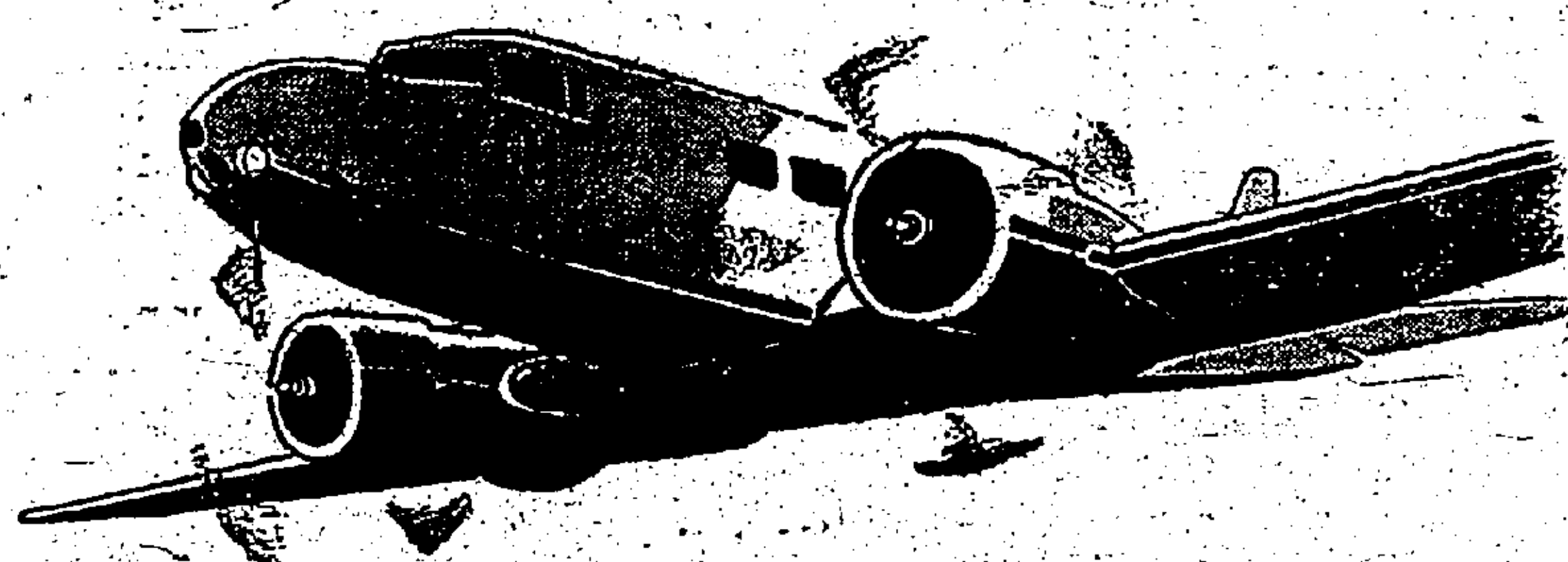
There is not intention to take the Heracles class off the Paris route, an assurance which obviously does not rule out the possibility of operating that route with two classes, one fast and one slow.

## More Atlantic Experiments

Extension of the flying-boat services from Singapore to Australia will depend upon the completion of suitable bases. For these the Commonwealth and the operating company, Q.A.N.T.A.S., are responsible, and they are not yet ready.

Some of the Empire flying-boats are intended for operation over this section by Q.A.N.T.A.S., and there is no reason to fear that delay will be due to tardy deliveries of these machines. Those remaining on order are being delivered at the rate of one a fortnight.

Further Atlantic air service experiments are to be carried out next summer for the Air Ministry. The Albatross type and also an improved and bigger Empire flying-



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## Haydn Symphony In B Flat Major

12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m.—Vivian Ellis (Piano).  
Streamline—  
The First Waltz (Ellis).  
Piano Selection (Ellis).  
'On Your Toes' Piano Medley (Hart & Rodgers).  
12.42 p.m.—Alfred Campoli & His Orchestras.  
With The Classics (arr. Sidney Crook).  
Alfredo Campoli & His Concert Orchestra.  
The Fiddler's At The Forge (Ives).  
Penny In The Slot (Ashworth-Hope).  
Alfredo Campoli & His Orchestra.  
Vienna In Springtime (Leon-Pelosi).  
Campoli & His Marimba Tango Orchestra.  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—London Piano-Accordeon Band.  
Campus Moon (Smith, Sacco & Coots).  
The Cubalero (Cuban Rhythm Dance) (Banker, Young & Siras).  
Diddle-Dee-Dee (Dunn & Forth).  
1.12 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.  
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Songs by Lucienne Boyer

### BRIDGE NOTES

## Don't Surrender

The aftermath of every "stolen" game, games that have been made through faulty defence, usually is a heart rending wail by one of the defenders, something on this order: "But partner, I didn't dream you held the king of spades!" This is contract's lamest alibi. O, it probably was true enough that the wailer had every reason to believe that the key card in question was in declarer's instead of partner's hand. But the point is that it was not a case for dreaming but for bold exploration. I refer, of course, to those situations in which the failure to play partner for a certain card is tantamount to "giving up" such a hand as the following:

North, dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
S.—K 9 5 4  
H.—A 10 8  
D.—10 9  
C.—A J 9 4  
**WEST**  
S.—Q 7 2  
H.—Q 6 3  
D.—Q 8 5 3 2  
C.—7 3  
**EAST**  
S.—J 10 3  
H.—K 9 4  
D.—A J 7  
C.—Q 6 5  
**SOUTH**  
S.—A 8 6  
H.—J 7 5  
D.—K 6 4  
C.—K 10 8 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 club Pass 2 no trump Pass  
3 no trump Pass Pass  
South's two no trump was a stretch. His good club fit did not compensate for his shortage of half an honour trick. South should have responded with a mere "two clubs." If North were unable to rebid over this, game would be remote.

West opened his fourth best diamond. East, instead of playing his ace by rule of thumb, made the correct play of the jack. East reasoned logically that, on the bidding, West must be decidedly shy of side entries, whereas East himself had a heart stopper and possible stoppers in clubs and spades. If West's diamond suit were five long, declarer had three and these were, in all probability, headed by at least the king. To

play the ace on the first round would give declarer the chance to hold up the king until the third round and, subsequently, take all the finesses into East, thereby effectively shutting West out with his long diamonds.

The jack play forced declarer to accept his king at once, since he could not tell but that a diamond continuation would trap his only stopper under a possible ace in the West hand. After winning the diamond king, declarer guessed the position of the club queen and ran off four clubs. On the third round West had the inspiration to discard a heart. East noted this and offered thanks that his partner was keeping the diamond suit intact. On the fourth round, which came from dummy, East signaled with the nine of hearts, to advise West that he need not worry about that suit. West dutifully discarded another heart but, when declarer followed his club plays by leading three rounds of spades, West, on lead with the queen, proceeded to disgrace himself.

At this point a novice could have counted that to give declarer the lead would be conceding four club tricks, one diamond, one heart, and three spades, the dreaded total of nine. Too true, as West himself wailed, "he had no idea that East held the diamond ace." He had placed that card with declarer from the very first. But, as I said in my preamble, the point was that the contract could not be defeated unless East had that elusive diamond ace. Hence, any play other than a diamond on West's part was a give-up. For West to have led the heart queen, as he actually did after winning the spade queen, was highly inglorious surrender.

### TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: I opened the bidding with one diamond on the following:  
S.—A Q 8 6 H.—8 D.—A J 9 8 5 4 C.—Q 9  
Partner responded with one heart. Should I rebid the diamonds before showing the spade suit?  
Answer: No. Your correct rebid is one spade.

# To-day's Wireless

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(Soprano).  
D'Amour En Amour—Melodie (Lelièvre-DeLettre).  
La Voyageuse—Chanson (Aubret-DeLettre).  
C'est Ma Faute (Dawson-DeLettre).  
1.50 p.m.—Orchestras Raymonde and Mascotte.  
Dance Of The Merry Mascots (Ketelbey).  
A Musical Snuff Box (Liadow).  
Orchestre Raymonde.  
Sweetest Of All—Waltz (Waldteufel).  
Golden Rain—Waltz (Waldteufel).  
Orchestra Mascotte.  
Electric Girl (Helmburgh-Holmes).  
A Night On The Waves (Finnish Waltz) (Koskimaa).  
The Orchestre Raymonde.  
Manhattan Moonlight (Alter).  
Manhattan Serenade (Alter).  
Orchestre Raymonde.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7 p.m.—Walter Glynn (Tenor).  
Tralee (film 'Evensong').  
I Wait For You (film 'Evensong').  
A Dream Of Paradise (Gray & Lit-

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leton) (With Organ and Male Chorus).  
7.10 p.m.—London Relay—'April Showers'.  
7.35 p.m.—Ignaz Friedman (Piano).  
Song Without Words—  
Lost Happiness (Mendelssohn).  
Venetian Gondola Song No. 2 (Mendelssohn).  
7.40 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.  
7.43 p.m.—Bach—Double Concerto In D Minor. Played by Yehudi Menuhin & Georges Enesco (Two Violins) with Orchestra conducted by Pierre Monteux.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 102 In B Flat Major. Played by Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.  
8.26 p.m.—Stuart Robertson (Baritone) & Essie Ackland (Contralto).  
Myself When Young (In A Persian Garden)—Lehmann.  
Silent Noon (Vaughan Williams).  
Stuart Robertson.  
Sanctuary (Hewitt).  
Just For To-day (Seaver).  
Essie Ackland.  
Dolores (film 'Millions')—Gerald.  
That Song In My Heart (film 'The Gang Show')—Reader.  
Stuart Robertson.  
8.45 p.m.—London Relay—'London Log'.  
A talk by E. A. Montague.  
8.55 p.m.—Local Sport Results.  
9 p.m.—Variety.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.  
12 midnight—Close down.

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8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'London Log'.  
8.25 a.m.—The Rhythm Classics.  
8.55 a.m.—'All Kinds of People—1: My Memories of the Czar Nicholas II at his Coronation.' A talk by Colonel E. St. C. Pemberton.  
9.10 a.m.—British Light Music.  
10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.  
10.25 a.m.—Close Down.

### TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—  
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GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)  
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Fredric Bayco, at the Organ.  
11.10 a.m.—'April Showers.' A play.  
11.35 a.m.—'The Old Folks at Home' (Second Series)—A.  
12.15 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital.  
12.45 p.m.—'London Log'.  
12.55 p.m.—Musical Interlude.  
1.00 p.m.—The Commodore Grand Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.  
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

### TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—  
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GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.32 m.)  
GSJ (to 3.39 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s  
1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.  
2 p.m.—Big Ben. H. Robinson Cleaver, at the Organ.  
2.30 p.m.—'At the Black Dog'.  
3.00 p.m.—The Serge Krish Septet.  
3.15 p.m.—Association Football: A commentary on a match in the third round of the Cup Tie.  
4.15 p.m.—Variety.  
4.30 p.m.—The News, Saturday Sport, and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.45 p.m.  
5.00 p.m.—Close down.

## What's On At the Cinemas

**AT THE ALHAMBRA**—'Fit For A King', with Joe E. Brown, Helen Mack, Paul Kelly and Donald Briggs. Joe is cast as a chump newspaper man who is always behind when a story breaks. This provides a number of comic situations in which Joe is able to give another excellent performance.

**AT THE MAJESTIC**—'God's Country And The Woman'—George Brent and Beverly Roberts, supported by Barton MacLane, Robert Barrat and El Brendel in technicolour film.

**AT THE STAR**—'Anthony Adverse', with Fredric March and Olivia de Havilland. Warner's Bros. much talked-about picture, with both stars giving their best.

**AT THE QUEEN'S**—'At The Stage Door', with Ginger Rogers, Katherine Hepburn, and Adolphe Menjou. A striking contrast between two distinct

types of stage struck girls are the respective roles of the two "stars." The story is based on the highly successful play by Edna Ferber.

**AT THE ORIENTAL**—'On Again, Off Again'—Crazy comedy capers in a side-splitting story punctuated throughout by gay songs and gorgeous dance numbers. Such charming actresses as Marjorie Lord, Esther Muir, Patricia Wilder and Maxine Jennings represent the feminine contingent of the cast, while Russell Hicks, Paul Harvey and George Meeker essay important supporting roles. Reviewed yesterday.

**AT THE KING'S**—'The Prince And The Pauper'—Mark Twain's unforgettable story of the beggar boy and prince who changed places is now the most topical of films. Starring Errol Flynn, Claude Rains, Henry Stephen-Lyon, Barton MacLane and the Mauch



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## Italy's New Naval Building Plans

Rome, To-day.

Signor Gayda, writing in "Giornale d'Italia," declares that defence of Italy's Abyssinian Empire and in the interests of peace, is the aim of Italy's new naval building programme.

The programme, announced yesterday, provides immediate construction, as ordered by Signor Mussolini, of two 35,000-ton battleships, twelve destroyers and a large number of submarines.

Signor Gayda adds that in addition to her new direct possessions, the peaceful political and economic presence of Italy is spreading in the world.—Reuter.

## WHEN AMERICA WAS A "COLONY"

Welch Fusiliers On The Revolution

"It's All in Your Point of View." states a small, very popular little monthly magazine printed in the United States, the latest issue of which tells an amusing anecdote culled from Linton Wells' "Blood on the Moon." The tale concerns the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who are now in Shanghai. The anecdote runs:—

When the first American round-the-world fliers were in India, the officers of the Royal Welch Fusiliers held a banquet in their honour. I was invited also, and toward the end of festivities was called upon for a speech. I laid it on thick: a rehash of the American Revolution, then decades of eternal friendship; hands-across-the-sea, blood-is-thicker-than-water stuff. My peroration was punctuated by frequent "Hear-hears," but when I had finished, one officer wrinkled his brow and said:—

"But I say—just what was the ruddy war between England and America?" My word! I never heard of it.

"It wasn't really a war, laddie," a brother officer explained. "America was a colony then and objected to paying some taxes on something, so one of the Georges—I've forgotten which—sent some soldiers over to collect them. But he soon needed the soldiers for a war with France or somebody and brought 'em back home. Then he was so busy he decided the colonies weren't worth bothering about and told them they'd have to jolly well stand on their own feet from then on."

"The colonists objected to being kicked out of the Empire, and fired on a few blighters at Bunker Hill or some place near Chicago, and the King got mad and brought the rest of his troops home. Nothing to it, really!"

## FATHER SHOTS SON DEAD AT WEDDING BY ACCIDENT

Vasa Garitch of Sanki Most (Yugoslavia), shot his son dead on the day the latter should have been married.

Vasa was celebrating the wedding of his son Djuratch, aged 20, in the customary way by firing revolver shots through a window to announce the tidings of the arrival of the bride to the neighbourhood.

Djuratch begged to be allowed to fire a shot as well. His father said that he could but first he would fire one more himself. He pulled the trigger but his hand jerked and the bullet hit his son in the forehead killing him immediately.

The father was prevented with difficulty from shooting himself.

## Mr. I. DAY

Retirement From The University

Presentations were made in the University on Thursday to Mr. I. Day, A.M.I.E.E., who was one of earliest members of the staff of the University to arrive from England. Mr. Day has acted as Demonstrator in the Electrical Engineering Laboratories of the University ever since the classes were first held. He has instructed the third and fourth year engineering students who fourth year engineering students who obtain practical experience with electrical machinery, instruments etc.

The President of the Society (Professor Brown) presided at a tea party, held in the Union Building.

The members of the University Engineering Society presented a Chinese screen, tray and carved camphor wood box and the fourth year electrical students a lacquer tea set. Mr. Chang Chi Yin (Chairman) presented the gifts from the Society and Mr. Chan Bing Hung the tea set. Professor Brown paid tribute to Mr. Day's constant endeavour to help the engineering students in their work.

Professor Middleton Smith said that he had recommended the appointment of Mr. Day, in the early days of the University, and wished to express his gratitude for the willing help that he had always obtained from Mr. Day in the various University activities in which they had so pleasantly worked together. Professor Roffey said that when he arrived in Hong Kong, he found Mr. Day experienced in all the complications of the electrical equipment in the University and a great support in the work of instruction for the students. Professor Redmond mentioned that Mr. Day had been such a familiar figure in the University for so many years that he would be very much missed by all members.

In acknowledging the kindness Mr. Day said that he was leaving Hong Kong with mixed feelings. It was natural to look forward to settling down in his native land.

Mr. Day sails to-day (Saturday) on the P. & O. "Rawalpindi" for England.



# BUSINESS DEPRESSION CASTS SHADOW OVER SHANGHAI'S PROSPECTS

The grim shadow of a business depression of unprecedented magnitude casts its gloom over Shanghai as the big and small businessmen of the city survey their trade losses in closing their books for the year of 1937.

While the full story of the destruction of factories, the loss of business and the insolvency of many shops and firms is still untold, every merchant and every man in the street realizes only too well how the war has hit his pocketbook. As they ring out the business year of 1937, they look into the new year with little hope that the trade conditions in the city will materially improve to erase the figures in red ink which to-day dominate their ledgers.

## Many Face Insolvency

Their machines, factories and shops destroyed by war, many businessmen and industrialists are facing the prospects of insolvency. Others who have plants and stores inside the foreign-controlled areas, found that they have done no appreciable business since August. The stringency of money, the lack of raw materials and the curtailment of output and interior markets as a result of dislocation of transport are the well-known reasons for the sad trade conditions.

A recent survey published by the Journal of Finance and Commerce reveals that Shanghai's trade during August to November decreased by no less than 69 per cent as compared with the figures of the preceding four months.

From April to July, the figures show, the city's total business returns were \$452,662,652. A rapid downward spiral started immediately after the outbreak of the Shanghai war and as a result, the total trade of the city between August and November amounted to \$138,413,523. The drop, in comparison with the preceding four months, amounts to \$314,249,129, or 69 per cent.

## Exports Also Suffer

Drastic decline was also registered in the city's export trade. From April to July, Shanghai sold to countries abroad goods to the value of \$176,714,405. During the war months from August to November, the export trade fell to \$89,930,393. This represents a drop of 52 per cent.

The city's import business was similarly affected by the war. Between April and July, the total import trade was \$275,948,247. The following four months from August to November saw imports plunged to \$54,483,130, or a drop of 80 per cent as compared with the previous four months.

Chinese and foreign store owners of the city also found that the sharp decline in purchasing power has made a big dent in their sales. They found that the general situation is a sad contrast with the boom prevailing shortly before the war.

## Silk Business Hard Hit

According to a Chinese report, silk business was particularly hard hit. With the silk producing areas

in Chekiang and Kiangsu overrun by war, the silk market in Shanghai is at a standstill. Export trade of Chinese silk has been slackening rapidly and the accumulation of stock on the New York market has caused a drastic decline of prices.

The artificial silk trade, which was a profitable one before the outbreak of the war, is now going through one of its worst depressions. The lack of markets has brought about a sharp decline in prices.

## SOVIETS TRANSPORT LIVE FISH BY PLANE

### 50% Come To Life Again At End Of Journey

A trial consignment of live sterlet in a chilled condition sent by air from Saratov as part of the experiments now being conducted to apply anabiosis in fish transportation has been received in Moscow. A similar shipment was sent from Saratov to Leningrad recently, when 50 per cent of the fish came to life after a 57-hour air journey and was immediately put on the market.

"This method of transporting fish is very promising, as it makes transportation of live fish possible not only by air but in an ordinary railway car," declared K. Kamedbekov, assistant director of the All-Union Fishing and Oceanography Institute on whose instructions these experiments have been undertaken.

## NELSON'S DESK FOR THE NATION

### Gift By Shipowner

Mr. Joseph H. Jacobs, a well-known London shipowner and broker who, in celebration of his 70th birthday, has presented Nelson's writing desk to the nation, has been collecting Nelson relics for some years.

His previous gifts of relics include sideboards, serving tables, wine coolers, a Bible, and a dirk. Some have been restored to the Admiral's cabin in H.M.S. Victory, and others are now in the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

Most of them were disposed of in Portugal after the Battle of Trafalgar, to enable the fore cabin of the Victory to be converted into a mortuary chapel for Nelson's lying-in state.

Except that the original chairs have never been found, the Admiral's cabin in the Victory is now in the same condition as at the date of Trafalgar.

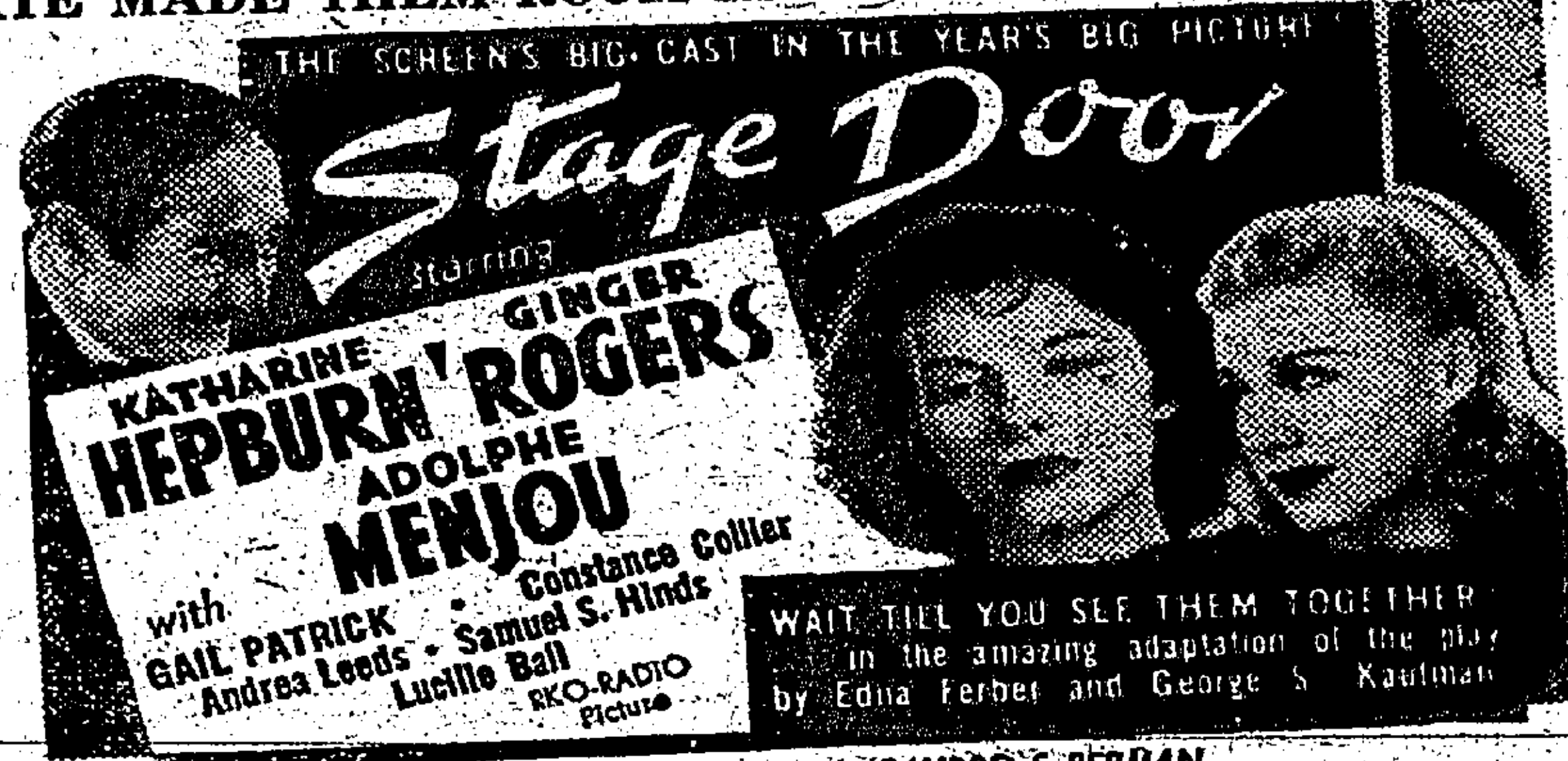
Mr. Jacobs is chairman and joint managing director of John I. Jacobs and Co., Ltd., of St. Helen's place, E.C., and is also on the board of the Molasses and General Transport Co., Ltd., and Oil and Molasses Tankers Ltd.

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### COST OF VOLUNTEER WITHDRAWALS

London, To-day.

The withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain will cost the Non-Intervention Committee the sum of £400,000, announces the "Daily Telegraph" in revealing certain details of the plan which is to be presented to the Committee on Tuesday.

This sum, it is declared, will be obtained from membership fees contributed by members represented on the committee, and will be managed by a special committee.

The plan provides for garrisons behind the front each capable of accommodating between 2,000 and 3,000 men who will remain there until facilities are available for

### HITLER'S VISIT TO ROME

Rome, To-day.

An official communique states that Chancellor Adolf Hitler will visit Rome in the spring. Besides Rome, Herr Hitler will also stay at Naples and Florence.—Trans-Ocean.

### SURRENDER OF INSURGENTS

Barcelona, To-day.

It is claimed here that the insurgent commander at Teruel has surrendered with 1,500 men.—Reuter.

transporting them to their home countries.

Moreover, funds are required for feeding 100,000 foreign volunteers while they are awaiting transportation and also for providing ships and provisions during the journey.—Trans-Ocean.

## TRIBUTES TO REUTER'S MAN KILLED IN SPAIN

London, To-day.

The high esteem in which Mr. E. R. S. Sheepshanks (Reuter's correspondent who was killed in Spain) was held, was evidenced by the large congregation which assembled for a memorial service held at St. Bride's Church, in Fleet Street, yesterday.

In addition to relatives, those present included Sir Henry Chilton (British Ambassador to Spain), a representative of the Franco Government, Sir Roderick Jones (Chairman of Reuter's), Lady Jones and children, Lord Camrose (owner of the "Daily Telegraph"), members of the Foreign Press Association and many prominent members of the British press world.

Sir Roderick Jones delivered an address in which he paid eloquent tribute to Mr. Sheepshanks' character and his prowess as a cricketer, and deploring how he was cut off untimely early in a career in which he had given the greatest promise.

### YOUTH OF TO-DAY

"His whole existence," said Sir Roderick, "was proof that the young of to-day, no matter what grade of society from which they spring, are up to the highest standard of physical, mental and moral fibre ever known in our race."

Mr. Sheepshanks' remains were brought from Spain, and will be interred in his native place at Arthington, a village near Leeds, to-day.—Reuter.

### COLD WINTER THROWS MANY OUT OF WORK

Berlin, To-day.

It is stated that an increase of about 400,000 in the number of unemployed in Germany during the past month will be announced in the next official report on the subject, which is expected to be published next week.

This increase, which will be the first to be registered for a long time, is attributed to the unusually severe and long cold weather. It is confidently anticipated that within two months unemployment will have been reduced to its normal proportions.—Trans-Ocean.

### STRIKE RIOTS IN JAMAICA

Kingston (Jamaica), To-day.

Workers on a sugar plantation in west Jamaica have carried out another strike, and are demanding an increase in wages.

There have been a number of clashes with police, who were forced to make baton charges, many strikers being injured.

Twenty-five arrests were made, but the situation, at present, is not serious.—Reuter.

Dr. George McNeill Hargreaves, M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), M.R.C.P. (Edin.), D.P.H. (Lond.), D.O.M.S. (Eng.), has been appointed to be a Health Officer, with effect from 1st January, 1938.

## WHITE PAPER ON PALESTINE CONDEMNED

Jerusalem, To-day.

The White Paper on the Palestine question published by the British Government provokes daily increasing dissatisfaction among Arab circles here since the White Paper does not abandon the plan of partition.

The organ of the Arab Defence Party, "Falastin" bitterly attacks Mr. W. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary for Colonies, reproaching him as being the only Cabinet Minister advocating partition of Palestine. The paper accuses Mr. Ormsby-Gore of anti-Arab feelings and Jewish sympathies.—Trans-Ocean.

### CRITICAL ATTITUDE

Cairo, To-day.

Although interest in the forthcoming royal marriage predominates, the press has not overlooked the publication of the British White Paper on Palestine, towards which the newspapers adopt a critical attitude.

The paper "El Mokattam" sees in the White Paper a new attempt by the British Government to gain time, while the "El Ahran" is of the opinion that the British Government has virtually abandoned the partition scheme proposed by the Peel Commission without, however, having the courage to admit the fact openly.—Trans-Ocean.

## NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has named Mr. Joseph Kennedy, wealthy supporter of the New Deal, and organizer and chairman of the new Maritime Commission, as United States Ambassador to Great Britain.

Mr. Kennedy succeeds the late Mr. Robert Bingham.

President Roosevelt has also named Mr. Hugh R. Wilson, prominent disarmament expert, as Ambassador to Germany, and has announced that Mr. Joseph Davis, Ambassador to Russia, will be transferred to Belgium in the Spring as Ambassador.—Reuter.



# TWO CONFERENCES FOR WORLD APPEASEMENT RECOMMENDED

Mr. Neville Chamberlain And M. Van Zeeland  
Views Are Thought Likely To Conflict

London, To-day.

The diplomatic correspondents of the "Daily Express" and "Daily Mail" suggest that in the conversations between Mr. Neville Chamberlain and M. van Zeeland, who has worked out a plan for overcoming the world's economic difficulties, one question to play an important role is whether economic settlement could be effected independently of political appeasement.

The "Daily Express" thinks that in this regard, the views of Mr. Chamberlain and M. van Zeeland are likely to conflict.

Mr. Chamberlain is known to hold the view that economic and political problems must be solved simultaneously, whereas the former Belgian Premier is convinced that political settlement could only be brought about after economic problems are settled.

## TWO CONFERENCES

In both organs, however, the hypothesis is put forward that M. van Zeeland's report will propose two conferences, namely, one for Europe to deal exclusively with economic questions, and later, a world conference at which not only the question of currency stabilisation but also disarmament, would be discussed.

The "Times" thinks that the draft of the plan will not be submitted during M. van Zeeland's present stay in London but that this will be done through the usual diplomatic channels simultaneously in London and Paris.

## LOWER DUTIES

The "Daily Herald" and "Evening Standard" both believe that the plan will contain suggestions for the lowering of customs duties and increase of quotas in support of those countries that have had difficulty in purchasing raw materials and were in consequence obliged to resort to exchange control.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Herald" believes that the bank for international settlements could provide means for enabling these countries to dispose of exchange control, moreover, that M. van Zeeland's plan will contain proposals for permitting Germany to participate in exploitation of colonial territories.—Trans-Ocean.

## CHINA'S AIR ACTIVITY

Shanghai, To-day.

Four Chinese bombing planes yesterday flew over Nanking and three over Wuhu, according to an official Japanese statement which asserts that the Chinese aeroplanes were soon put to flight by the quick rising of Japanese machines, and accurate anti-aircraft guns.—Trans-Ocean.

## OUTER MONGOLIAN ARMY LINKS UP WITH GEN. CHU TEH

Canton, To-day.

Reports a few days ago stating that the Outer Mongolian Army has joined up with the Eighth Route Army in North China are confirmed by a cable from the Kalgan Branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to their branch office in Shameen, stated the local vernacular papers last evening.

It was also stated that the Mongolian troops have already made contact with General Chu Teh, former Red Army Commander now Commander of the newly created Eight Route Army.—Our Own Correspondent.

## WEDDING OF KING FAROUKH

Cairo, To-day.

Active preparations are being made throughout Egypt in view of the celebration of the wedding of King Farouk and Miss Farida Zulfikan on January 20. The celebrations in connection with the event will last three days.

In Cairo, ten immense tents will be erected, in which meals will be distributed free of charge to 10,000 needy persons each day.—Trans-Ocean.

## BOMBERS ATTACK NANCHANG

Shanghai, To-day.

More than twenty Japanese planes bombed Nanchang airfield at 11.50 yesterday morning.

According to an official Chinese report the aerodrome was not damaged.—Reuter.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Alfred Trevor Godfrey, P.A.S.I., to be an Assistant Assessor of Rates, with effect from the 6th January, 1938.

## PANAY BOMBING PICTURE

London, To-day.

The film of the Panay bombing was shown in cinemas in London and all over the provinces yesterday.

The film was received with continuous murmurs of sympathy and horror, the clearness of the atmosphere contradicting the Japanese plea of fog at the time of the bombing being specially remarked upon.—Reuter.

## CHAUTEMPS BID FOR PEACE IN INDUSTRY

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Camille Chautemps, has written a letter to the President of the General Federation of French Employers, inviting him and his colleagues to attend a conference on January 12 with him.

M. Chautemps expressed the conviction that a courteous and straightforward debate, with the Government as arbitrator, will result in clarification of the reasons for the present antagonism and establishment of a new labour regime which is the condition for social peace and general prosperity.—Reuter.

## CHINESE ART EXHIBITION IN LONDON

London, To-day.

An exhibition of Chinese art, described as Burlington House in miniature, in aid of Chinese relief funds, was opened yesterday by the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi.

The exhibition contains specimens of Chinese bronze, silk paintings and porcelain from prehistoric times to the present day. The exhibits were lent by all the greatest collectors all over the country.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi described the exhibition as doubly symbolic, firstly as showing that the arts of peace are stronger than, and have outlived, the arts of war, and, secondly, as an emblem of London's generous sympathy with China in her sore distress.

## MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Sir Denison Ross said that owing to generous gifts of money and labour, practically all the proceeds would be available in China. The money would be spent in medical supplies to be shipped from London and from San Francisco.—Reuter.

His Excellency the Governor has approved the following promotion in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 7th January, Company Sergeant-Major Gordon Patrick Ferguson to be Second Lieutenant.

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# THE PASQUIER CHRONICLES

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IT is a coincidence that in one month should appear the translation of a further instalment of Jules Romains' "Men of Good Will" and what is apparently the complete edition of Duhamel's "Pasquier Chronicles" for the two authors have much in common in their writing and both of them played a considerable part (Duhamel, indeed, being joint founder with Vildrac) in the establishment of the community of the Abbaye—a community which seems to have suggested the community at Bievre, whose vicissitudes are described in the last of the five volumes which make up the Chronicles. Both, too, have been loosely labelled "unanimistes," though Duhamel rejects the label altogether and Romains only accepts it with reservations, and both find their material in the life of the man in the street, though their methods may seem vastly different. Duhamel, indeed, will probably find a readier audience in England, for his work is less gargantuan in scale, his narrative more systematic and coherent, and his characters far more sympathetic. He is essentially an individualist, which is a refreshing change in a world too prone to bow down to those arbitrary abstractions the community and the State; and his characters all stand for different aspects of individualism. As might be expected, the worst of them are arrant egotists, but the best of them (among whom is the Laurent Pasquier round

whom the whole cycle revolves) show that altruism and individualism are not always incompatible. One inevitable result of this passion for viewing his characters as separate entities is that he endows them all with exceptionally vivid lives of their own. Though they present different types of individuality they are more than mere types, for they are all intensely real. And by being so real themselves they make their background all the more real. M. Duhamel himself remarks that "the Pasquier history sometimes gives us a glimpse of the history of the century." It is in fact more than a glimpse, and although we see it through the eyes of his characters and so sometimes get a distorted view, yet it is not necessarily a false one. A distorting mirror, if we recognise it for what it is, may misrepresent but it does not deceive.

This aspect of the Chronicles as a piece of social history applies more to the first four novels than to the last. In the first, "News from Havre," we follow the fortunes of Laurent Pasquier's family from 1889 to 1893—Raymond, his bombastic father, and his patient mother, the childhood of his brothers and sister, and their struggle to make both ends meet, buoyed up by the hope of a legacy which is mortgaged before it arrives. "Caged Beasts" covers the adolescence of the children, of Laurent in particular and his friendship with the Jew Justin Weill. With volume 3, "In Sight of the Promised Land," we reach 1900. Laurent is a medical student, his

qualified as a doctor, is as feckless and egotistic as ever, and his mother is still the "saint of the little things of life." Joseph, the eldest brother, has started as the man of business, and the elder sister, Cecile, has developed into the musical genius already foreshadowed. The next volume, "St. John's Eve," presents us with the continuation of the history through the eyes of Justin Weill. The main themes here are two unsuccessful loves, that of Laurent for a fellow-student and that of Justin for Cecile. We are also shown Joseph's long strides in the world of business, with some sidelights on his methods. There are also some further sidelights on the amorism of Raymond Pasquier. With this volume the sequence of the story really ends, for "The House in the Desert," as we have said, tells of an experiment in communal living for which Justin Weill is largely responsible. In the end individualism breaks up the community (as well as the impracticability of their schemes), although Laurent himself, the least whole-hearted of a community which he had chiefly joined out of friendship for Justin, is actually the last to abandon it.

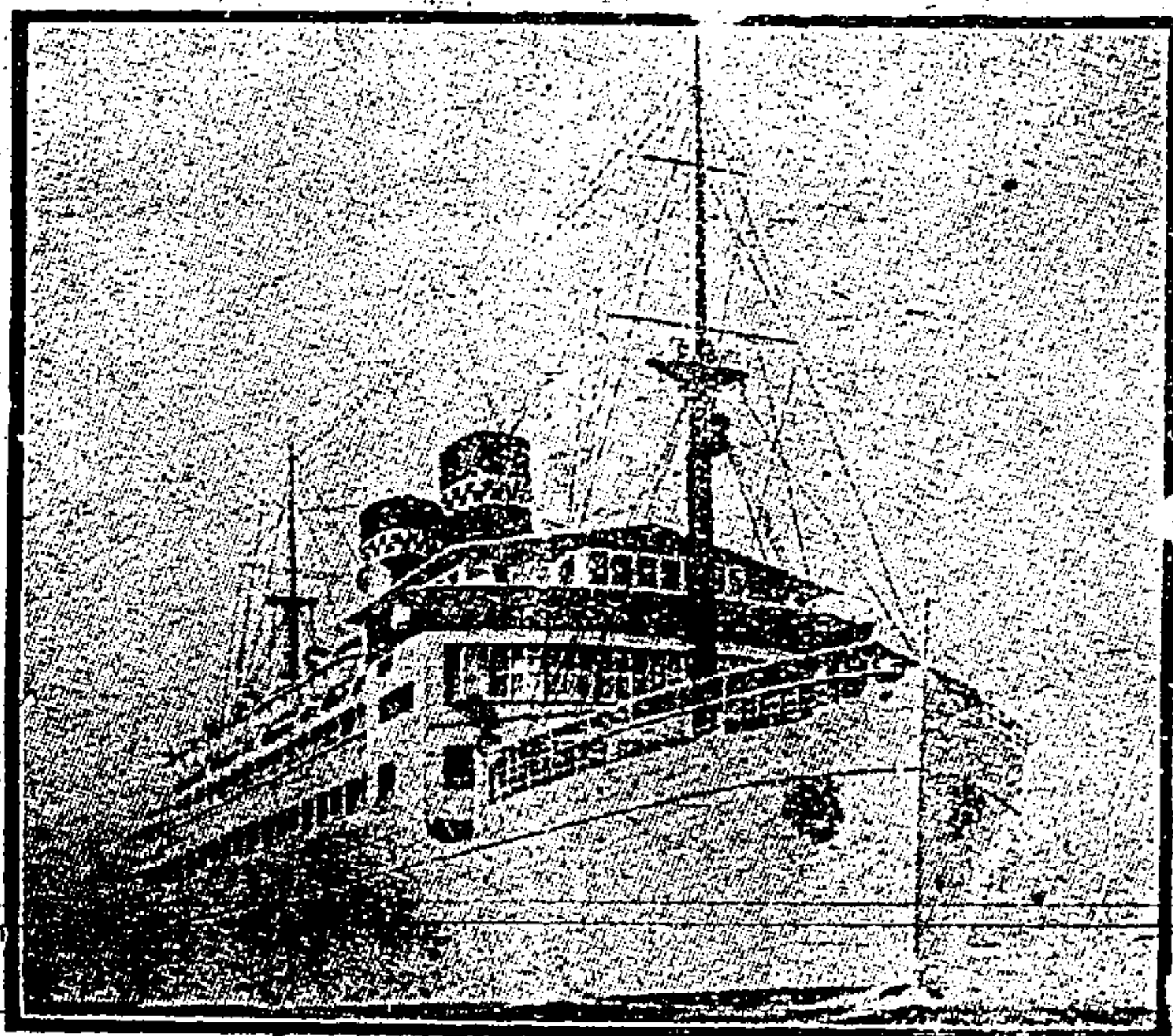
In a sense this triumph of individualism rounds off the story, as far as ideas go, though it leaves the narrative of events very much in the air, and one might deduce from the prelude to volume 4 that there is really more to come. We should welcome it, if it were so, for apart from some unreality in the dialogue, which may be due rather to the translator than to the author, the whole book is a remarkable and fascinating piece of work. As a French critic has remarked, Duhamel has a particular skill in making intelligible the reflections of the inner life and in investing the most insignificant with the halo of human brotherhood; this was said of an earlier work, but it remains equally true of the Chronicles.

## CLEOPATRA

Cleopatra. By Emil Ludwig. Allen and Unwin, 12s. 6d.

This is an era of biographical novels and novelistic biographies, and it is difficult to decide at times into which hybrid category a particular work is to be fitted without undue strain of critical canons. Herr Ludwig claims that, though in his life of Cleopatra "the limit of the historical novel is reached, it has nowhere been overstepped," and, having furnished his work with an index and other solemn biographical accessories, he may resent its being included among the frivolities of fiction. Yet Herr Ludwig himself has been one of those who have been most active in pushing biography over the borderline, and though, as he also points out, in "Cleopatra" he has refrained from taking the liberty of putting supposititious speeches into the mouths of his historical personages and there is little or no conversation in his pages, the long and fanciful soliloquies in which his characters are allowed to indulge would seem to tip the balance on the side of fiction. True, he draws his facts from the ancient historians and may have invented no episode, but, psychologically, he has certainly let his imagination run riot, and he has tricked out his story in all the highly coloured flummery of what may be called the Hollywood school of biographers. The best that can be said for his latest work is that he has turned the fragmentary records of Cleopatra's life which Plutarch and other writers have left us into a coherent narrative. But, unfortunately, Herr Ludwig has a cliché-ridden mind which would seem to accept unquestioningly all the falsities of facile popular generalisations, and his literary style has all the tawdry flashiness and the meretricious smartness that we associate with the cheapest journalism.

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## THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

WE have it on the best authority that it's darned hard to be a good girl nowadays.

The implication is that it gets harder every year: that it was pretty easy before the war, and that last century it was just no trouble at all.

We're not so sure. We have been glancing at excerpts from "The Behaviour Book, a Manual for Ladies," published in 1853. It was a tough job, being a lady, even then.

Starting with food: upon being seated at the table, "unfold your napkin and secure it to the belt of your dress with a pin, to prevent it from slipping. This may be done so that the pinning will not be perceptible."

"Bring with you a spare pin or two for the purpose. Or, better still, keep always a pin-cushion in your pocket."

Muffled up in her napkin, the good girl of the 'fifties could neither eat salt fish ("the odour is now considered entirely ungentle"), gnaw bones, or mention the word stomach, except when "conversing with a physician privately."

Should she be partaking of the repast with a gentleman acquaintance, he must on no account be allowed to pay for the meal. She must deposit her whack of the damage into "the hand of the gentleman previous to their departure."

Nothing in life was free, because no "truly modest and dignified woman would incur such obligations."

Similarly, "no gentleman will offer her anything more than a bouquet, a book, one or two autographs of distinguished persons, or a few relics and mementoes of memorable places."

Jewellery verged on the indecent.

Although, as the book accurately points out, "the practice of enclosing letters in envelopes is now universal," any girl aiming at refinement is most strongly advised not to write to anyone to whom she is not closely related or actually betrothed.

The reason is that the recipient of the letter may "show the superscription, or the signature, or both, to his idle companions, and make insinuations much to her disadvantage."

Even in the excerpts quoted by the "New Current Digest" we detect a fine stern note about the whole book which makes us wish that it could be reprinted for the Modern Girl.

Of drink, it remarks crisply: "It is not customary for the lady to empty her glass."

If she should, as somebody's guest, find insects in the bed (referred to in the book as a "visitation") the mistress must on no account be complained to.

"Confide the fact to the chambermaid only. She will attend to the matter the more readily if you promise her a reward in the event of complete success."

Those were the days. You certainly had to be tough to be good. There was no compromise, no quibbling.

Another distinguished writer, Lady Gough, echoed the spirit of the Manual a few years later when she wrote: "The perfect hostess will see to it that the works of male and female authors be properly separated on their bookshelves."

Their proximity, unless they happen to be married, should not be tolerated. Ladies of the 'fifties, we salute you.



# TOKYO'S COUNTERMANDING OF ORDERS FOR SOUTH CHINA

## Suggestion Of Attempt To Bribe Southern Provinces

### Idea Discounted In Well-Informed Quarters

Shanghai, To-day.

It is being suggested here that the countermanding of Japanese orders for an invasion of South China is based upon a hope entertained in Tokyo that the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi can be persuaded to declare their autonomy.

The suggestion is that overtures have been made to General Pei Chung-hsi in this connection.

There is little belief in well-informed quarters however that the Japanese could have seriously entertained such an idea, as Pei Chung-hsi is now second in command to Chiang Kai-shek, while it is known that both Pei Chung-hsi and Li Chung-jen are among those most determined Chinese leaders in resistance to the Japanese invasion.—Trans-Ocean.

### AMERICA MOVES ON TRADE PACT WITH BRITAIN

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday issued formal notice of intention to negotiate an Anglo-American trade agreement.

The announcement, which runs to forty-seven pages, lists a vast number of articles on which the United States will consider granting a reduction, as well as lists of numerous goods at present on the free list which the United States will utilize as levers in bargaining.

The interested parties are given until March 19 to submit their views, and public hearings will open in Washington on March 14.—Reuter.

### BEAUTIES OF PAST TO LIVE AGAIN

Search For "Doubles"

London is being searched for a "double" of Lily Langtry.

A committee selecting girls to impersonate famous beauties of the past has succeeded in finding girls to "double" for Cleopatra, Helen of Troy, Diane de Poitiers, Lucrezia Borgia, Mme. de Pompadour, Nell Gwynne, Mme. Racamier, Vigee Lebrun, Mrs. Siddons and the Empress Eugenie, but although dozens of

## DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO BOLSTER UP INSURGENTS ON TERUEL FRONT

Madrid, To-day.

The heaviest fighting since the beginning of the Teruel campaign took place on various sectors of the front yesterday afternoon and evening when, according to a communique issued by the Republican War Ministry the Nationalists made a last desperate attempt to bolster up the front and break through the Republican lines. Following more than two hours of constant artillery shelling combined with air bombardment, the Nationalist infantry supported by tanks, advanced from Cuneud against the main Republican front.

Infantry, however, repelled attack after attack until the enemy were finally forced to retreat having incurred severe losses. Two further Nationalist attempts to storm the slopes of Sierra Palomera also failed due to accurate firing of the Republican artillery gunners. The enemy were compelled to retreat to Cerro Gordo and Celladas.

In the interior of the town itself Republicans are now in possession of every house and are rapidly cleaning out the last of the machine-gun nests and snipers. An important advance was scored in Muela de Teruel sector when, according to a communique, Republican troops in a strong counter-offensive gained control of all positions commanding the highway from Villastar to Teruel.

Air encounters yesterday resulted in the loss of a pursuit plane and a bombing plane for the Nationalists and a pursuit plane for the Republicans.

girls reputed to look like Mrs. Langtry have been seen none has satisfied the requirements.

If she is found she will join the 10 other beauties in a presentation of "Miss 1948" at the Palace of Beauty, to be held in aid of Battersea General Hospital at 15, Knightsbridge.

Each girl has had to satisfy the committee of her close resemblance to the famous beauty she is to portray.

### NEW TAXES NECESSARY IN JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

Costs in the Sino-Japanese war have so far exceeded expectations that even the programme of increased taxation recently announced will not be sufficient for covering Japanese expenses according to the "Asahi Shimbun," and additional taxation measures designed to bring in 200,000,000 yen will be imposed. It is declared that an additional sum of four milliard yen has been estimated as necessary for continuing the military campaign.—Trans-Ocean.

### SCHMELING TO MEET BEN FOORD

Berlin, To-day.

The German champion boxer, Max Schmeling, who left yesterday for Friedrichsruh, near Hamburg, to train for his fight with the South African, Ben Foord, scheduled to take place on January 30 at Hamburg, discussed his impending bout with Berlin sports journalists before his departure.

He was taking his fight with Foord very seriously. He knew perfectly well what was at stake, but in view of his excellent condition he hoped to score another impressive victory.

Regarding the world's championship bout with the American coloured boxer, Joe Louis, which is scheduled for June, Schmeling said that the date and place had not yet been fixed. "But this is less important."

### "PUBLIC WITH ME"

Schmeling declared. "The main point to me is that the entire American sporting press and masses of American boxing fans demand my title fight with Louis."

Whether Schmeling, in between his Hamburg fight and his match with Louis will have another preparatory fight will be decided only after January 30.—Trans-Ocean.

### COW THAT "WANTS TO JUMP MOON"

Practice On Fences

A three-year-old Jersey heifer which can jump 6ft. obstacles has been causing excitement at Swingfield, a few miles from Folkestone.

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## BOOKS FOR THE BUYING

There has been much discussion in the London newspapers recently on the subject of the price of books and the anxieties of all concerned in the book trade—authors, publishers and booksellers. It is not suggested that the British people read fewer books than the literate people of other nations, but that they spend too little in buying books as possessions.

Where do they get the literature that they need? From free public libraries, from subscription lending libraries, by borrowing in one way or another; and they purchase large numbers of sixpenny and shilling volumes. The booksellers are left lamenting that the majority of the reading public rarely buy new books except when they intend to give them away as Christmas presents.

There seems to be a certain justice in the obvious retort that new books are too dear—7s. 6d. for an ephemeral novel, 10s. 6d. to 18s. or more for a travel book, 15s. for the biography of a statesman or a film star. To which the publishers in turn reply that as long as the subscription libraries are the chief buyers the price must be high—their purchases of most books are limited, and production costs have to be met. So it is a vicious circle—the reading public will not buy because books are too dear, and books must be dear when the sales depend so much on libraries.

The problem is complicated by many factors. If the best-seller gamble were eliminated, and the inordinate sales of the favourite of the moment were distributed among all the good books that a publisher had on his list, the trade would be stabilised to the great benefit of authors and publishers. Again, who can doubt but that far too many books get into print? If we divided the number by three or four no one would be any the worse off except a number of writers who have mistaken their vocation.

Producers may agree to limit the output of automobiles or gas-cookers, but what publisher will agree to refrain from backing his judgment in the issue of a book, which may be just what the world is waiting for? Of course, if every reader acquired the habit of devoting a small fraction of his annual income to book-buying not only would the

trades of authorship and book-selling improve, but the best authorship would gain—for people who are buying books as an investment will be anxious to avoid buying rubbish.

## Crime at the Source

One of the most important measures that will come before the British Parliament during the new session will be a Bill to amend the penal law; and of the reforms proposed none will be of more vital concern to the nation than those which concern young offenders.

The most profound element of tragedy in crime lies in its recurrence. The majority of habitual adult offenders started on their melancholy careers when they were young.

To-day reform of the criminal is an objective no less than deterrence by punishment. The underlying idea of the Children Act of 1933 was to prevent the committal to prison of children under seventeen, sending them instead to remand homes where they could be kept under observation till decisions could be taken as to the best course to adopt for their welfare.

The results of this measure at first showed an increase in the number of children brought before the courts. But this was due not to increased crime, but to less unwillingness to bring offending children into court under these more humane conditions. More recent figures show no such tendency to increase.

What has already been done for children remains to be done for young offenders between seventeen and twenty-one, who at present, pending a decision of the Court, have to be remanded to prison. But such measures are no longer felt to be enough in themselves. It is better still to strike at the causes and prevent the impulse to crime. That is a task not for the criminal law but for the educationist.

The Home Secretary has indicated that the new bill will take cognisance of three questions—the better education of the potential criminal, the wiser treatment of the child offender, and the wiser treatment of young persons between seventeen and twenty-one. It is now fully realised that though society cannot undo the errors of the past, it is its duty to concentrate on preventing the growth of a criminal class in the future.

## The Most Important

### Film?

What is the most important film ever produced? Controversy over this question has been aroused in London by the very successful revival of David Wark Griffith's early American epic of the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation."

It is recognised that the most important film is not necessarily the same thing as the best. Otherwise, some of the productions of Charlie Chaplin would demand inclusion in the reckoning. If sheer intrinsic merit were the only criterion to be applied it would be difficult to overlook such things as "The Gold Rush" or "The Circus."

But the importance of a film is to be judged, not merely by its own achievement, but also by its influence on future pictures. Chaplin did not invent slapstick comedy; he raised it to the status of art.



## SEEKING CAUSE OF GENIUS

£10,000 For Brain Research

### MENTAL TESTS FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

London, Dec. 27.

Why will one brain do the work of an Einstein while another is "defective"?

In an effort to solve this problem, an investigation costing £10,000 and lasting five years is to be undertaken.

The work, which is being undertaken by the Burden Mental Research Trust under the auspices of the British Medical Association, has been made possible by the generosity of Mrs. R. G. Burden, the Warden of Stoke Park Colony, Bristol.

In addition to the £10,000 for this research, Mrs. Burden has also given substantial sums to finance other research work at the colony.

The chief object is to discover the causes of mental differences and to study their inheritance. Aspects of the work include:

Examination of 3,400 schoolchildren. Compilation of records from 1,000 "defective" patients consecutively admitted to Stoke Park Colony.

Formation of a collection of 130 defective brains and 90 normal brains so that the significance of physical differences between individual brains can be fully examined.

An intensive study is being made of tissue differences in the higher centres of the brain, and a special examination of the part of the brain concerned with sight is now being planned.

Photographs of defective and of normal brains will be compared. Age, family history and mental and physical characteristics of the individuals concerned will be taken into account.

The general intelligence of brothers and sisters will be compared, and the connection between mental welfare and physical health will be studied during the examination of schoolchildren.

#### Changes In Brain Structure

In certain mental diseases gross changes in the structure of the brain are observable. There are, however, many cases in which hitherto no accompanying structural alterations of the brain or the nervous system have been observed; and in which no explanatory alterations of metabolism or the biochemistry of the body have been found.

The intensive research which is now being undertaken will therefore be particularly welcome, and its eventual results will be awaited with great interest.

The experience gained should be of important use in determining the future trend of preventive or curative measures in the fields of mental deficiency.

### PITCAIRN ISLAND'S ENVOY MARRIES

Coronation Visitor

A letter received in San Francisco from Pitcairn Island reports the marriage of David Young, 61, the Island's representative at the Coronation, to Mrs. Edna Christian, widow of Fletcher Christian, the third direct descendant of the leader of the Mutiny of the Bounty.

Christian left Pitcairn Island and his widow went there recently to reclaim family property.

## British Anti-Air Raid Department Reorganised On Service Lines

There is to be an expansion and reorganisation of the Air Raids Precaution Department.

It will remain under the Home Office, but it will be established on distinctive lines, a civil department with a service basis.

Wing-Comdr. E. J. Hodsoll, who has been in charge of the department hitherto, will become chief of the Air Raids Precaution Staff with the title of Inspector-General.

He will be responsible for the urgent work of advising local authorities on protection schemes and for the widening work of research.

Mr. C. W. G. Eady, who has hitherto been secretary of the Unemployment Assistance Board, will be appointed chief of the administrative side of the Precautions Department, becoming a deputy under-secretary in the Home Office.

The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, announced these changes on the third reading of the Air Raid Precautions Bill.

He presented them, amid general applause, as a means to convert what had been hitherto a small and improvised department into a strongly

organised central control, able to tackle more effectively many of the more difficult problems of air defence.

#### TRANSFER OF PEOPLE

He promised, when the bill was passed and the new organisation at work, much more investigation of such large measures as the provision of shelters and the arrangement of evacuation of people from "target areas."

Small black-outs in certain areas had given very useful experience and shown the weak spots of schemes. Now there would be many experiments on a much larger scale.

No air-raid precautions could ensure immunity and there must not be excessive concentration on passive defence.

The best protection of London was a strong and vigorous Air Force which would tie the enemy's air power down to defence of its own country.

He concluded by insisting that the provisions of the bill and the further developments to follow would be effective in stopping panic.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, Under-Secretary for Home Affairs, wound up the debate with some interesting information on the possibilities of shelters and upon the example which the Government was setting in the protection of civil servants.

#### PRECAUTIONS FOR PARLIAMENT

Dispersal was the watchword of air-raid policy, but there must be public shelters for people caught in the streets and for those houses could afford them no protection.

The standard for a public shelter was that it should be proof against gas, blasts and splinters. If a building it must be strong enough to withstand collapse. Shelters could also be improvised. In the City of London for example, 4½ acres of cellars had already been inspected.

Government departments had already taken considerable measures to protect their staffs against gas and injury. In the new buildings at Whitehall they were putting up a solid roof of concrete, some floors of reinforced concrete below and dividing the structure into a number of sections to stiffen it and limit the effect of explosion.

There would also be air-raid precautions for the Houses of Parliament.

After this final reassurance the bill was read a third time without a division.

## FIRE & EXPLOSION AT GUNPOWDER FACTORY

Building For Cordite Shattered

HOUSES SHAKEN 3 MILES AWAY

A mysterious explosion occurred recently at the Royal Gunpowder factory at Waltham Cross.

It occurred in a stove, or building, used for drying cordite, which was shattered.

No one was injured, although several workmen complained of shock.

Houses three miles away were shaken. A flame which shot 90ft. in the air could be seen for five miles.

The following War Office statement was issued:

An ignition occurred in a cordite stove. This quickly developed into an explosion which shattered the building. Precautionary measures prevented communication of the resulting fire to surrounding buildings.

The fire was got under control by the factory's fire brigade in a very short time. There was no loss of life and no one was injured. Employment will not be interfered with.

#### Relatives' Anxiety

A cordite stove is a building about 20 by 25ft. Estimates of the amount of cordite drying in the shattered building vary from 50 to 150 tons.

The explosion occurred when shifts of workmen were changing. About 20 men were going out of the factory gates and men replacing them were in an outbuilding putting on special safety clothes. A few minutes later some of them would have been near the building. People in the district who had relatives working at the factory hurried to the gates. They were immediately assured that no one had been hurt.

A worker at the factory said, "I was about 200 yards from the stove when there was a terrific blow." Even at that distance it made me duck my head to avoid the blinding light.

"A second later there was an explosion and I saw the roof of the stove shattered. Burning pieces of debris dropped almost on top of me."

"Workers are not allowed within 20 yards of the building while cordite is being dried, but an official had just been taking the temperature of the stove. He must have had a marvellous escape."

## GLBOE-TROTTER

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Former M. P. Planning Tour

At 87, a former M. P. is planning a tour of the West Indies.

Globe-trotter for more than half a century, Mr. Theodore C. Taylor, who sat for the Radcliffe Division of Lancashire, told of his plans as he pored over guides in a West End hotel.

Pioneer of labour co-partnership and distributor to his workers of more than £1,000,000 under his profit-sharing scheme, Mr. Taylor still controls the firm of woollen manufacturers with which he has been associated for 70 years.

He lives at Grassington, near the Lancashire border, but travels to his Batley mills, 30 or 40 miles away, most days of the week, and puts in full office hours.

He has outlived four co-directors whom he brought into the company to help him in applying his profit-sharing principles.

He is a great-great-grandson of a man who was apprenticed to the woollen trade in 1762. His firm was founded in 1845, with a capital of £250 and an eight-day clock.

When he succeeded to the principal interest in the business in 1892 he paid out a brother and a cousin in order to give the workers a share in the profits they helped to create.

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Mr. Taylor was a world leader of the Anti-Opium Campaign, and, almost single-handed, in the House of Commons, beat the traffickers on their own grounds.

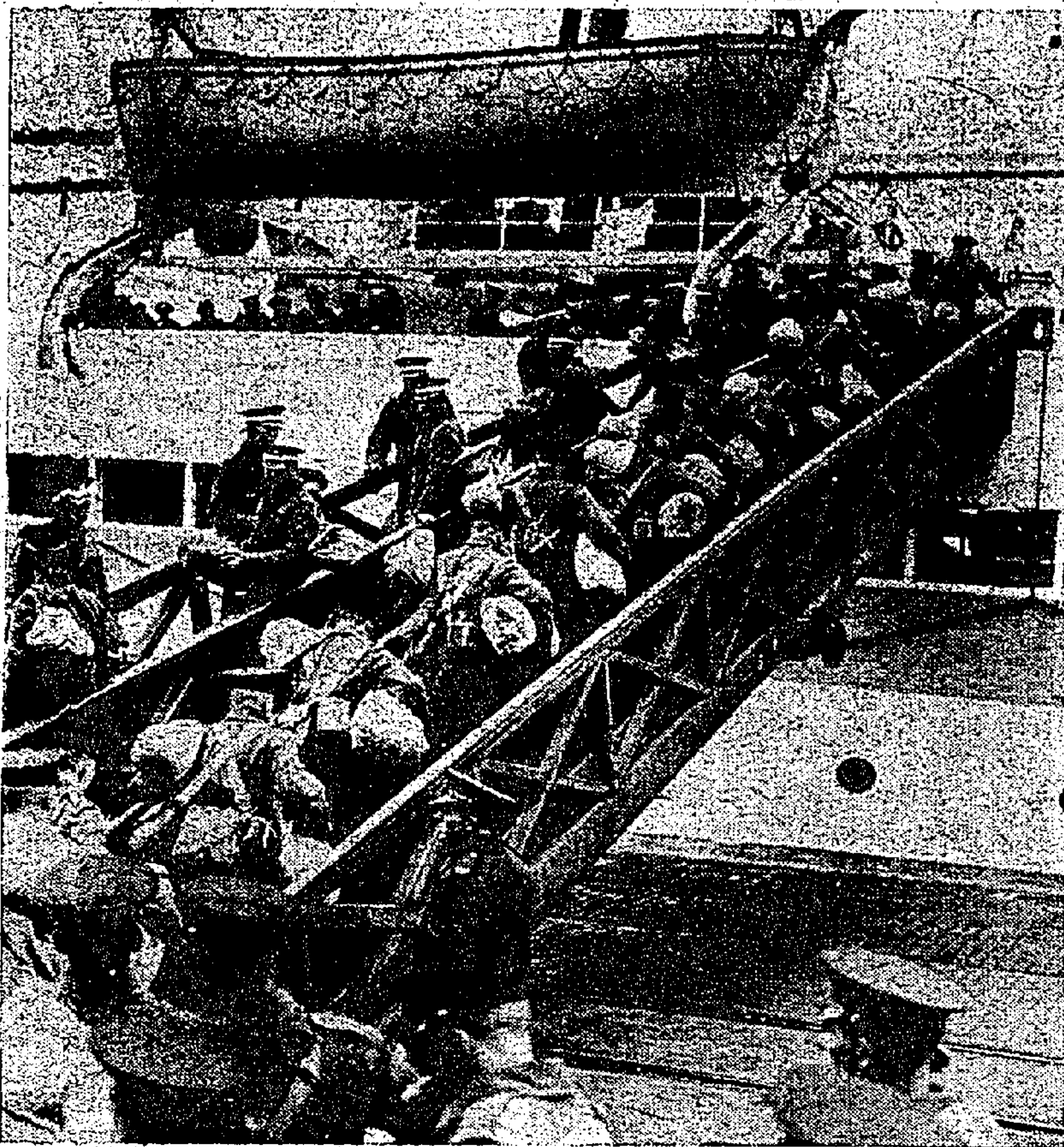
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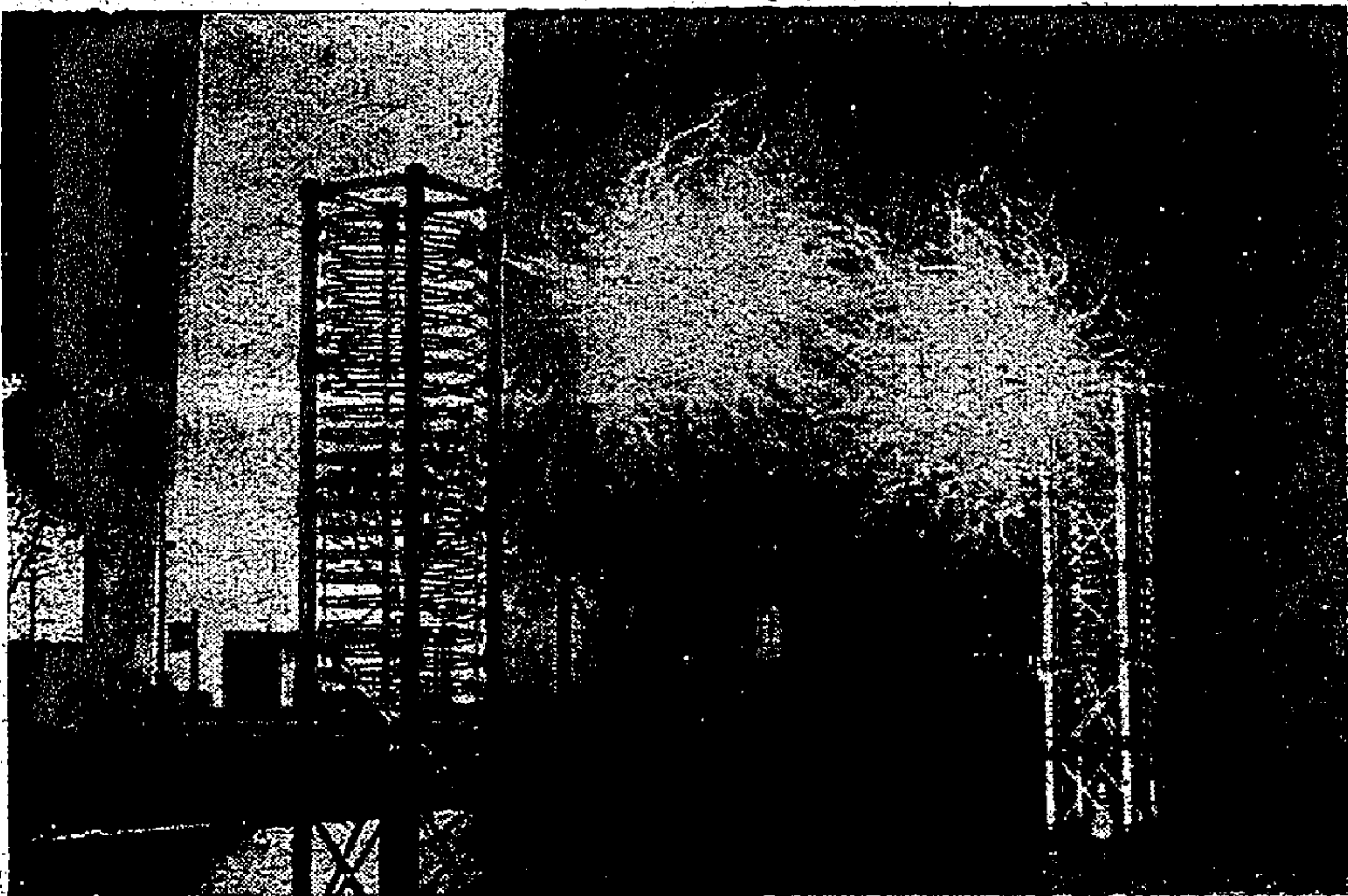




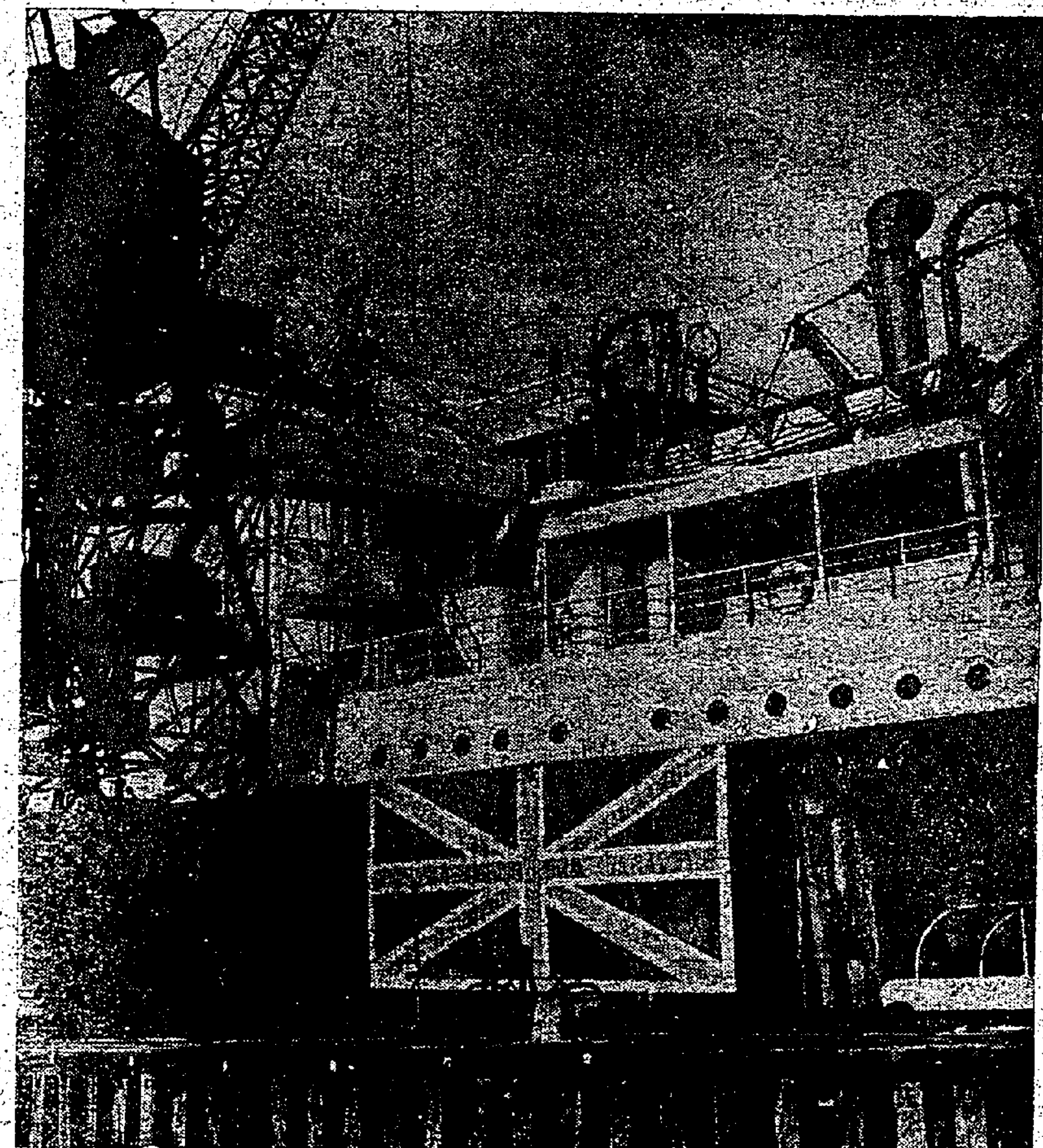
Seven hundred men of the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards and 350 men of the Suffolk Regiment embarked recently on the Dunera at Southampton for Alexandria and Malta respectively. Photo shows—Guards going aboard the Dunera. (Fox Copyright).



The South American Great Anteater displays his two feet long tongue when he yawns following a nap at the London Zoo. In his native country the animal uses his tongue to catch his natural food, ants. (Fox Copyright).

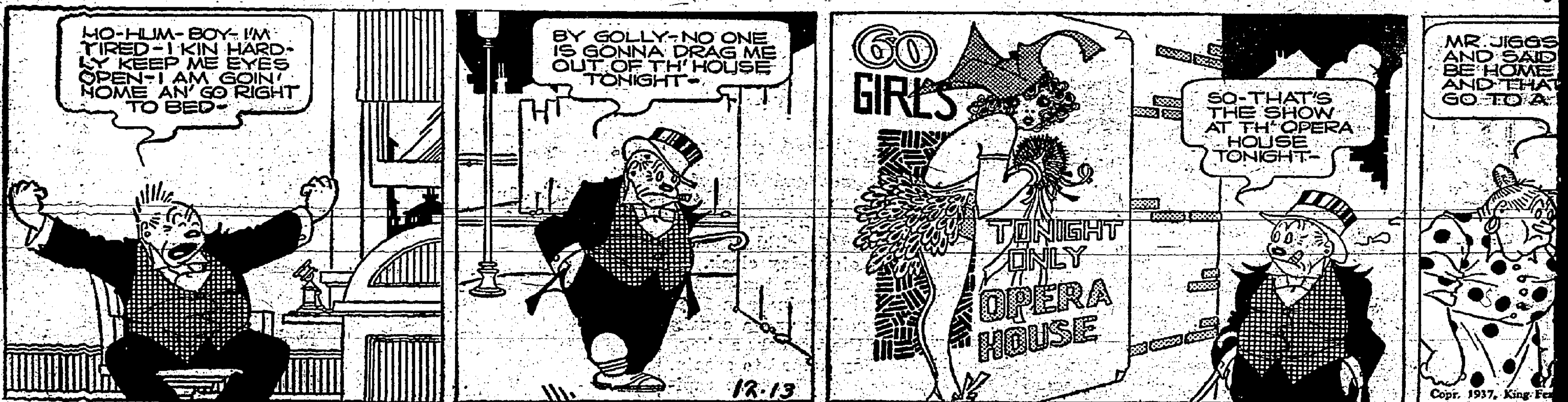


Three million volts photographed as they pass between two electrodes placed seven yards apart. The tension is 60,000 volts, but after three stages of amplification they are transformed to 3 million. This demonstration of electrical power was seen by visitors to the Paris Exhibition electrical section. (Fox Copyright).



After a lying-in-state, the body of the late King George VI was taken to the V Dock at the V Dock at the V Dock.

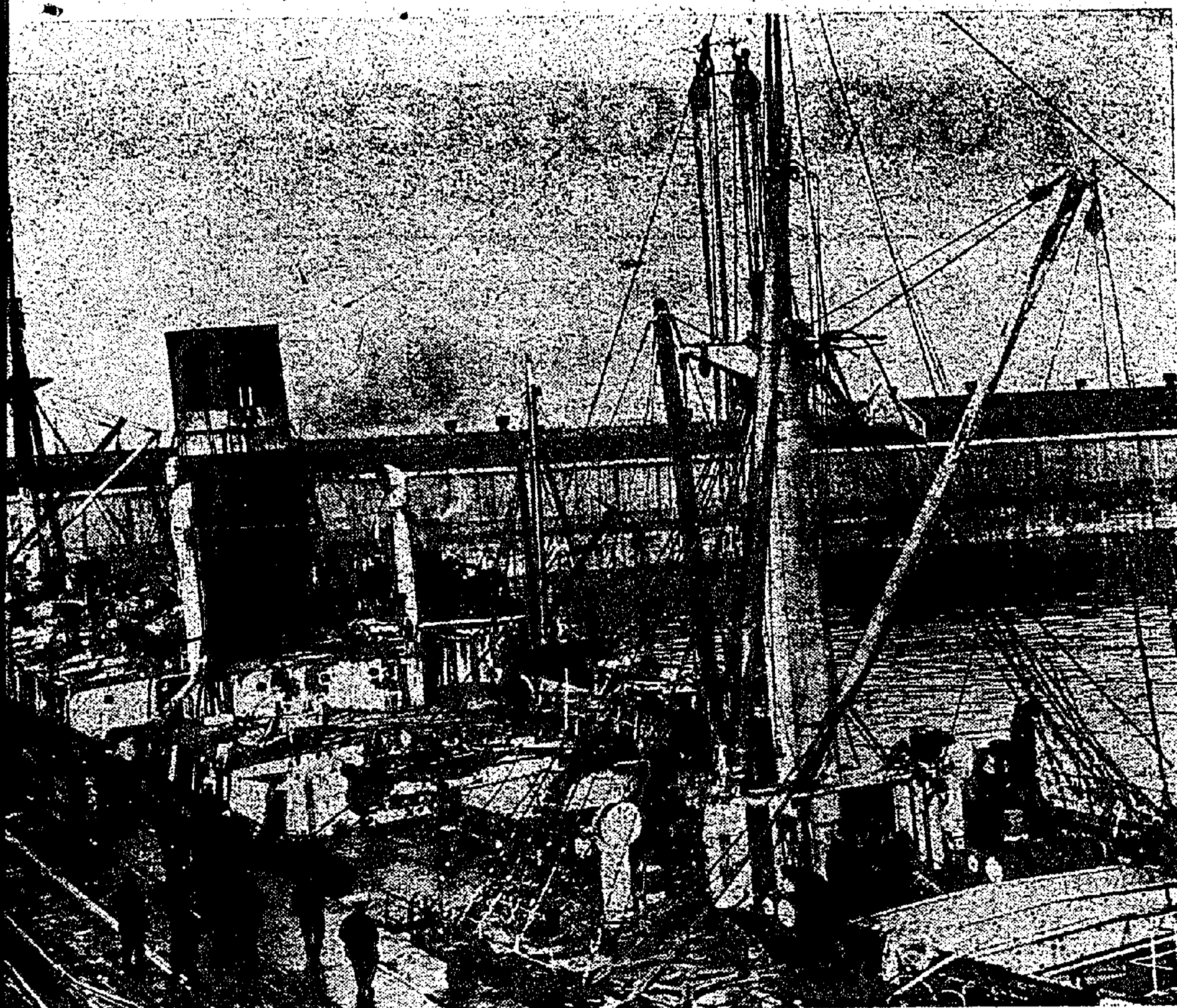
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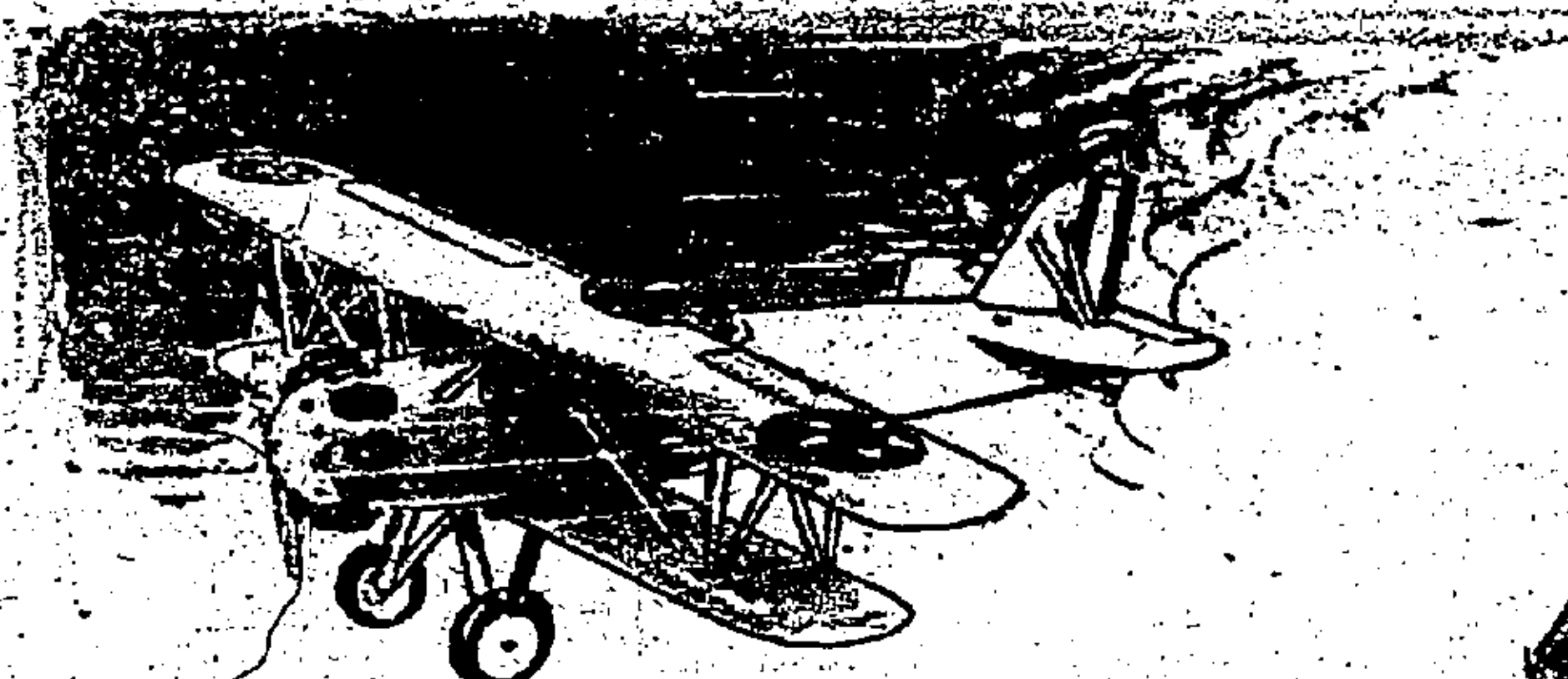


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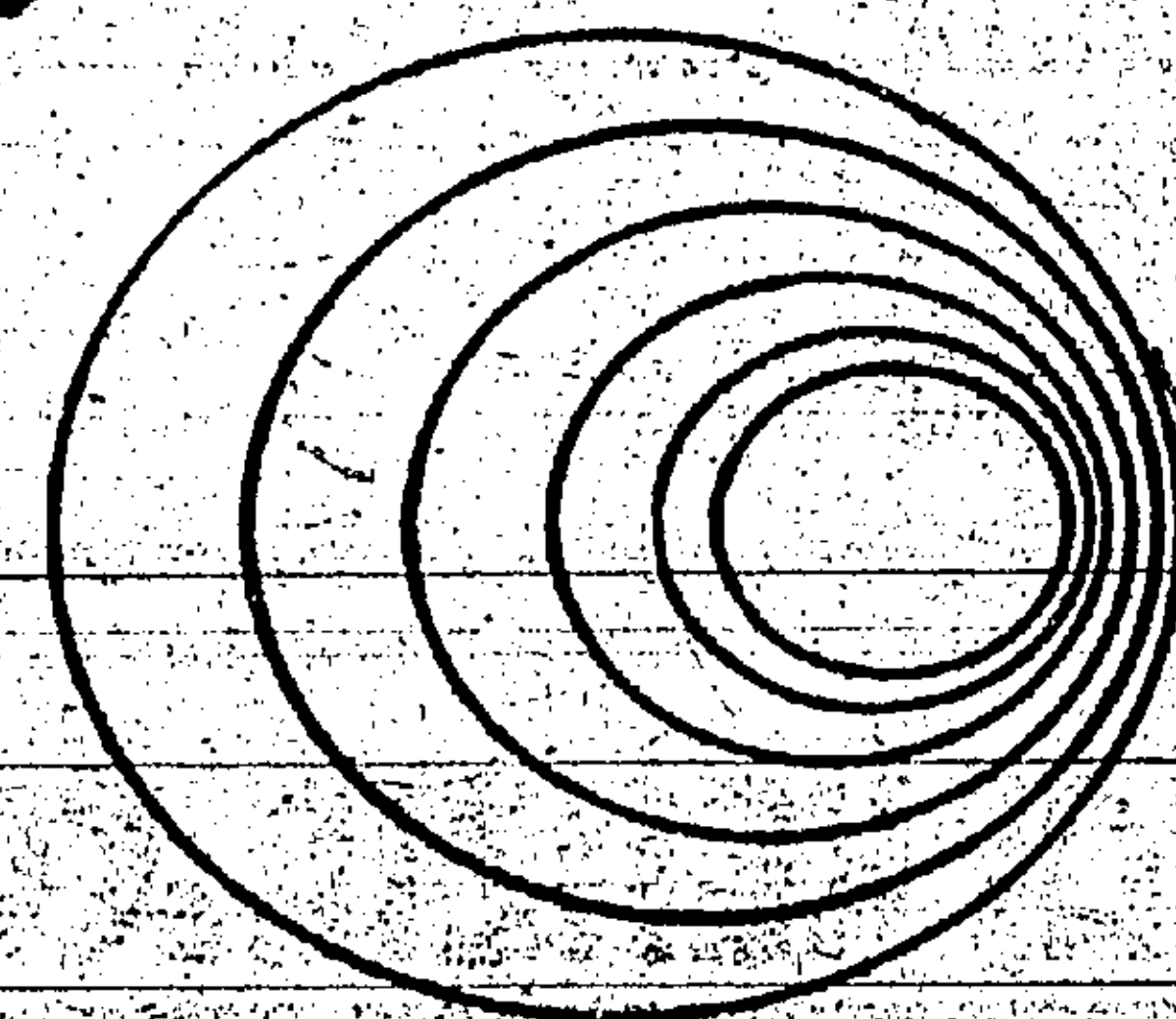


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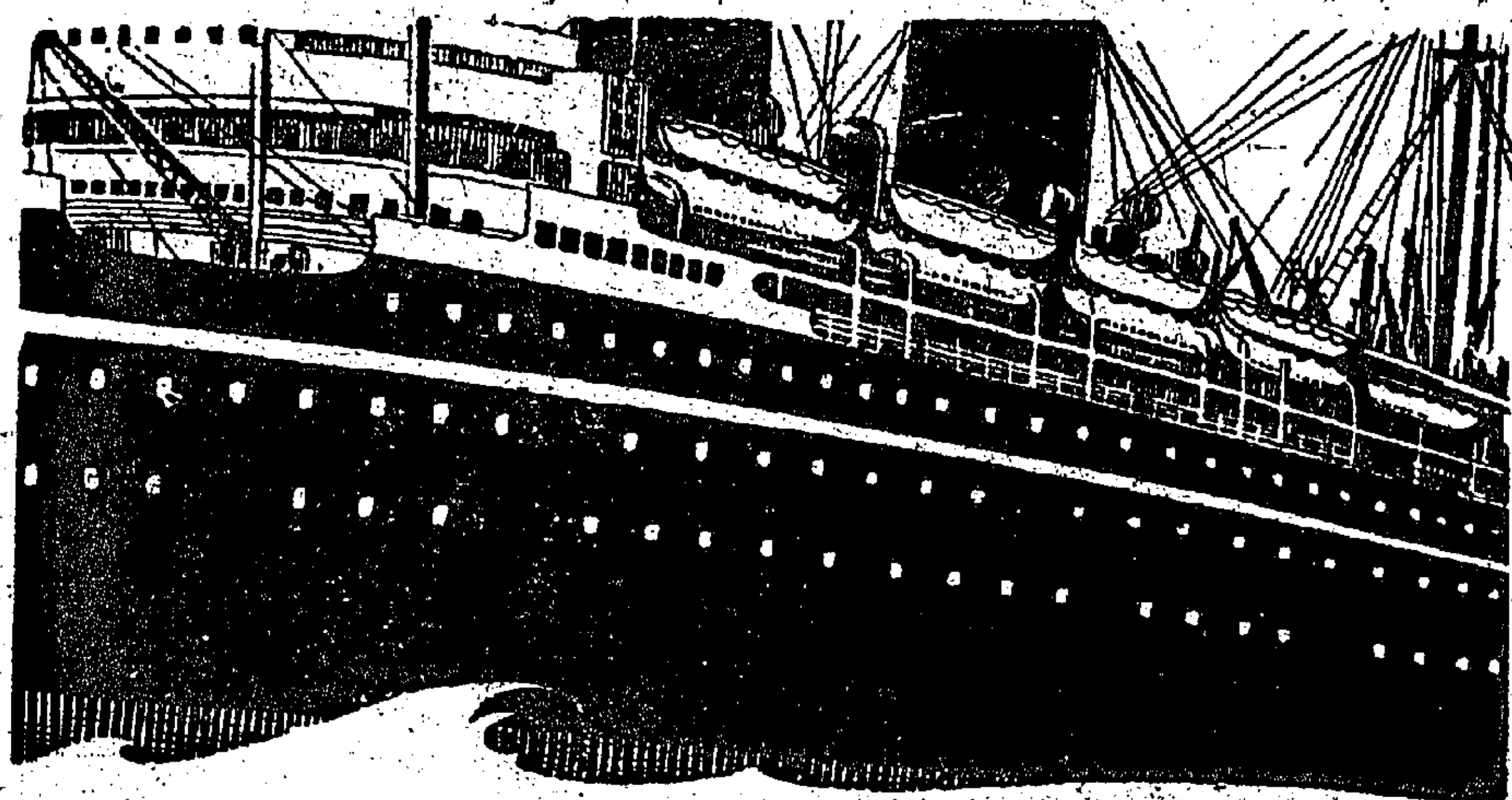


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| Straits                                                                             | Van Heutsz                 | January 11. |

## OUTWARD MAILS

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| For                                                                                                                                               | Per                    | Date and Time            |
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| Saturday                                                                                                                                          |                        |                          |
| Kongmoon                                                                                                                                          | Fook On                | Sat., Jan. 8, 9.00 a.m.  |
| Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 16th January.                                                                              | Rawalpindi             | Sat., Jan. 8, 9.00 a.m.  |
|                                                                                                                                                   | G.P.O. and K.P.O.      | Reg., Jan. 8, 9.30 a.m.  |
|                                                                                                                                                   | Ord.,                  | Jan. 8, 10.00 a.m.       |
| Formosa                                                                                                                                           | Hong Kong Maru         | Sat., Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m. |
| Shanghai and *Japan                                                                                                                               | Andre Lebon            | Sat., Jan. 8, 1.30 p.m.  |
| Amoy                                                                                                                                              | Taiyuan                | Sat., Jan. 8, 3.30 p.m.  |
| Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 27th January—and *Europe via Siberia. | Pres. Coolidge         | Sat., Jan. 8, 3.30 p.m.  |
|                                                                                                                                                   | G.P.O. and K.P.O.      | Parcels, Jan. 8, 3 p.m.  |
|                                                                                                                                                   | Reg.,                  | Jan. 8, 4.15 p.m.        |
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| Amoy and (Foochow via Amoy) ....                                                                                                                  | Anhui                  | Sat., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.     |
| Saigon, Madang, Salamaua, Rabaul, *Sydney and *Melbourne.                                                                                         | Neptuna                | Sat., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.     |
| Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 17th January, 1938.                                                                    | Imperial Airways Plane | Sat., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.     |
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|                                                                                                                                                   | Ord.,                  | Jan. 9, 9 a.m.           |
| Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 16th January, 1938.                                                              | Imperial Airways Plane | Sat., Jan. 8, 5 p.m.     |
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| CHICHIBU MARU                                                                         | Monday    | 22nd Feb. |
| TAIYO MARU                                                                            | Monday    | 7th Mar.  |
| SEATTLE & VANCOUVER (starts from Kobe)                                                |           |           |
| HEIAN MARU                                                                            | Saturday  | 22nd Jan. |
| HIKAWA MARU                                                                           | Friday    | 5th Feb.  |
| NEW YORK via Panama                                                                   |           |           |
| INAKO MARU                                                                            | Monday    | 24th Jan. |
| INARUTO MARU                                                                          | Saturday  | 5th Feb.  |
| SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Hilo, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama. |           |           |
| RAKUYO MARU                                                                           | Wednesday | 12th Jan. |
| LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM                                               |           |           |
| YASUKUNI MARU                                                                         | Friday    | 14th Jan. |
| HAKONE MARU                                                                           | Saturday  | 29th Jan. |
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| LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, and Marseilles.                 |           |           |
| DURBAN MARU                                                                           | Monday    | 10th Jan. |
| SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports                                                 |           |           |
| *(Via Saigon & Ports, not calling at Manila)                                          |           |           |
| *m.v. NEPTUNA                                                                         | Sunday    | 9th Jan.  |
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| THAKODATE MARU                                                                        | Sunday    | 9th Jan.  |
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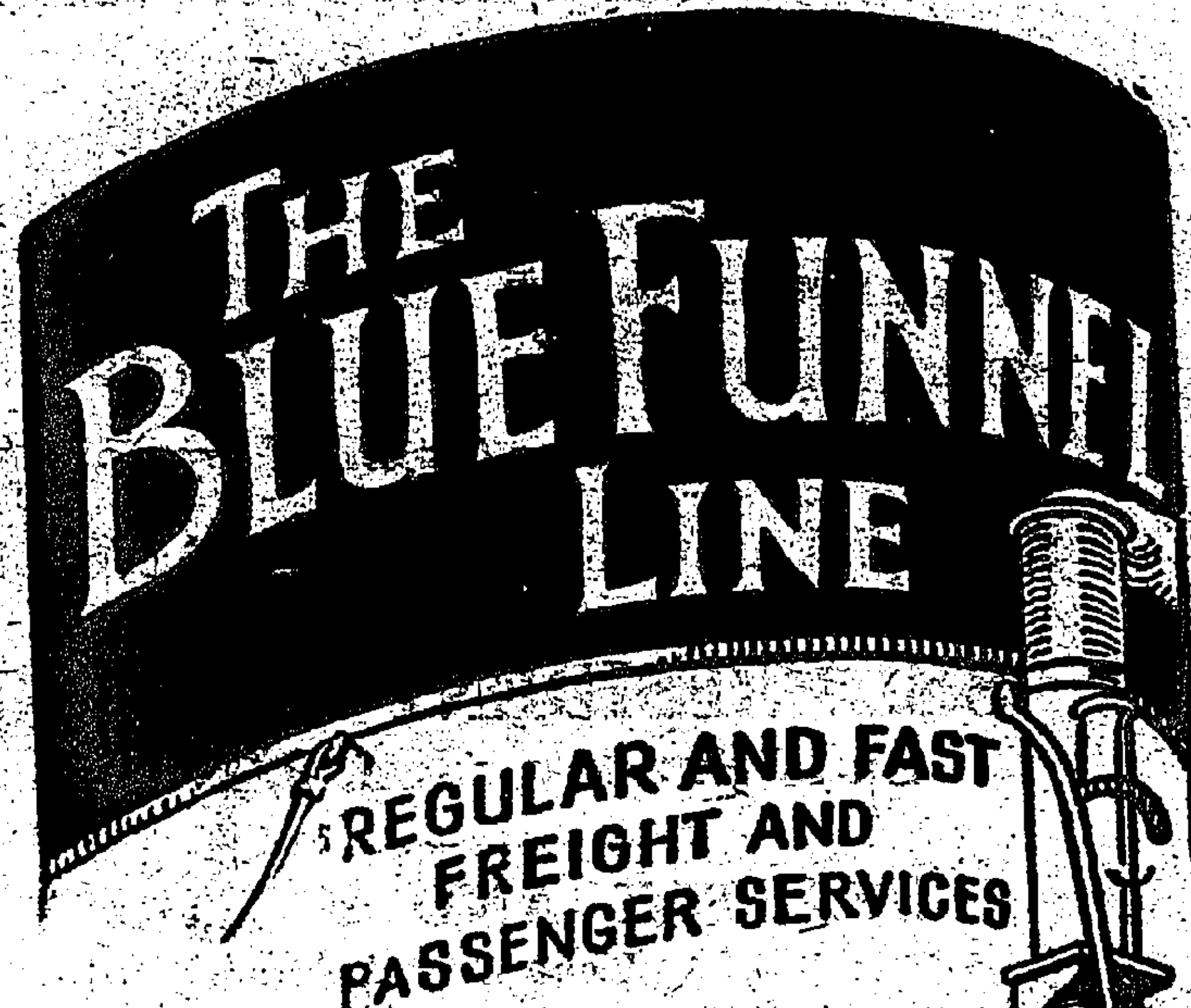
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| NEW YORK via Japan, Los Angeles and Panama. Call Direct at Cristobal, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore                              |  | Sanyo Maru          | Fri.   | 28th Jan. |
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| RIO-DE-JANEIRO, SANTOS MONTEVIDEO & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Cape Town.                                        |  | Rio de Janeiro Maru | Fri.   | 5th Feb.  |
|                                                                                                                                       |  | Montevideo Maru     | Fri.   | 25th Feb. |
| MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARRESSALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo |  | Arabia Maru         | Thurs. | 4th Feb.  |
|                                                                                                                                       |  | Manila Maru         | Fri.   | 4th Mar.  |
| BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.                                                                                   |  | London Maru         | Thurs. | 3rd Feb.  |
| CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon                                                                                        |  | Celebes Maru        | Wed.   | 2nd Feb.  |
| JAPAN via Takao and Keelung.                                                                                                          |  |                     |        |           |
| JAPAN PORTS via Dairen                                                                                                                |  | Manila Maru         | Sun.   | 23rd Jan. |
| KEELUNG via Takao                                                                                                                     |  | Hong Kong Maru      | Sat.   | 8th Jan.  |
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## LIVERPOOL SERVICE

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| ANTILOCHUS | Sails 21 Jan. for Hayre, Liverpool and Bromborough. |
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## NEW YORK SERVICE

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| TALHYBIUS                            | Sails 18 Jan. for Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle. |

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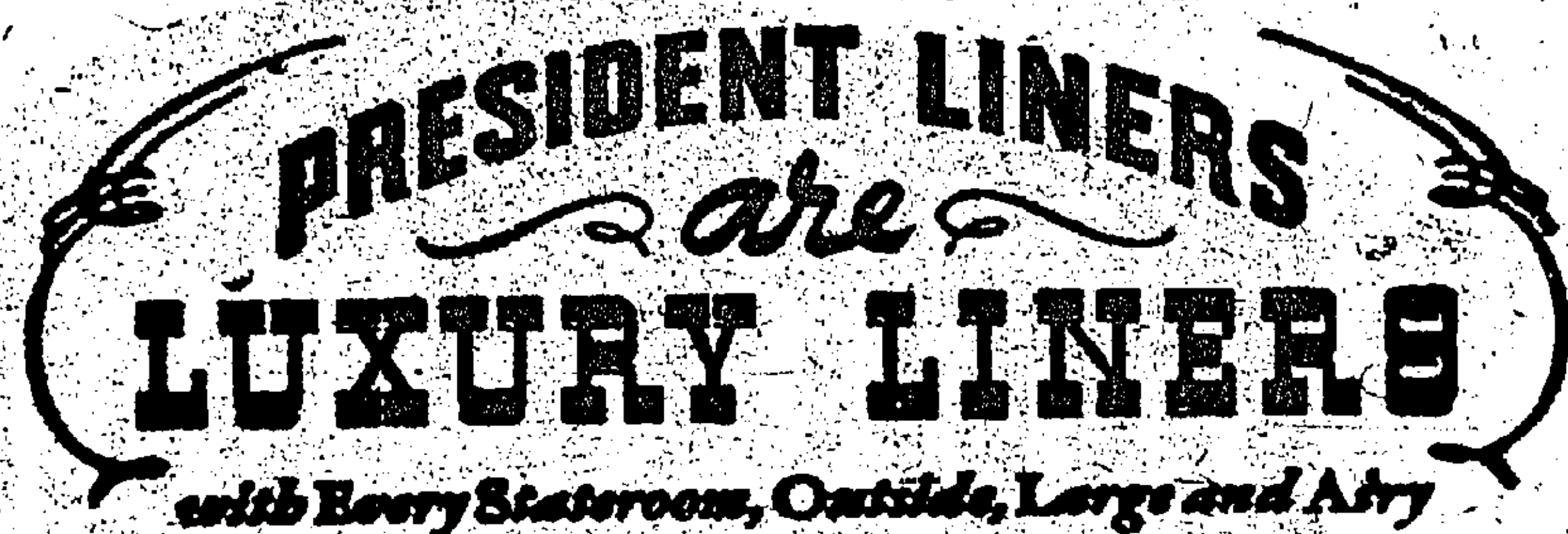
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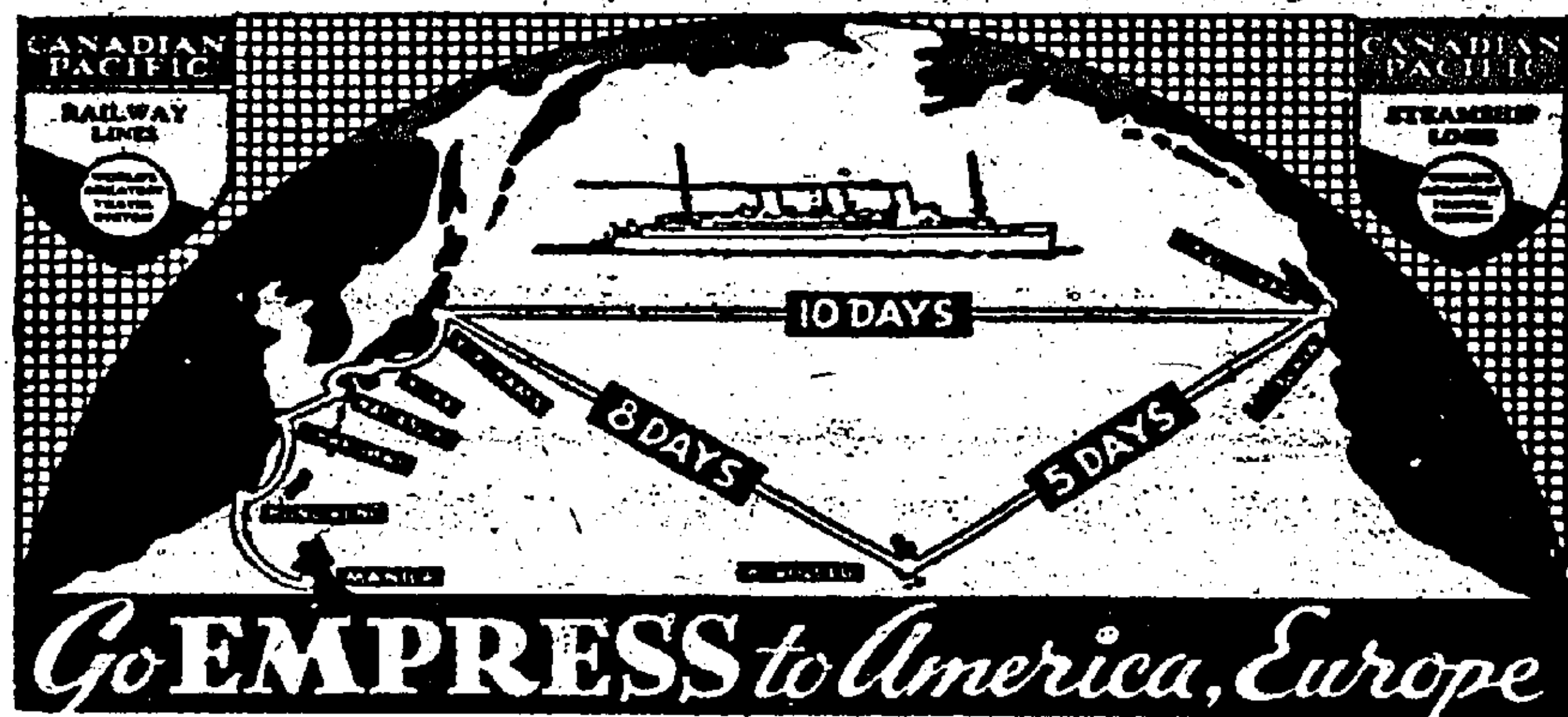
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### RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 26, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

### SAILING TO MANILA

Empress of Japan on January 13th.

at 6 P.M.

*Canadian Pacific*

## ACTION AGAINST VON CRAMM

For Alleged Heavy Expenses While On Tour

Berlin, To-day.

An emphatic denial has been issued here of foreign press reports that the German sports authorities contemplate taking action against the well-known German amateur tennis champion, Baron Gottfried von Cramm, in order to deprive him of his amateur status on account of the allegedly heavy expenses charged by him during the world tour which he is now making in company with his partner, Henner Henkel.

It is stressed in informed quarters that no reproach of any sort has been levelled at Von Cramm in this respect, and that his status as an amateur has never for a single moment been called in question.—Trans-Ocean.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERMON

Subject: Sacrament

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, tomorrow, January 9th, will be "Sacrament."

The Golden Text will be, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the body of Christ?" (1 Cor.).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us and not unto the world. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. These things I command you, that ye love one another." (John 14:15.)

The lesson-sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science Textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker Eddy. "I keep the commandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to Him

## PLACED ON INDEX

Catholic Church's Ban On Professor's Book

The Supreme Congregation of the Holy Office has, states the Rome correspondent of "The Times," placed on the Index the latest work of the well-known Leipzig professor, Ernst Bergmann, entitled "The Natural Doctrine of the Spirit."

The author, it is said, makes no distinction between God and the cosmic universe, denies the Creation and Divine Providence, as well as the existence of the soul as a substantial principle independent of matter and of life beyond the grave.

and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that He has done. Jesus taught the way of life by demonstration, that we may understand how this divine Principle heals the sick, casts out error and triumphs over death. Jesus presented the ideal of God better than could any man whose origin was less spiritual. By his obedience to God, he demonstrated more spiritually than all others the Principle of being. Hence the force of his admonition, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." While we adore Jesus and that heart overflows with gratitude for what he did for mortals, treading alone his loving pathway up to the throne of glory, in speechless agony exploring the way for us, yet Jesus spares us not one individual experience if we follow his commands faithfully and all have the cup of sorrowful effort to drink, in proportion to their demonstration of his love, till all are redeemed through Divine Love. (Pages 4: 25 & 26:).

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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| m.v. "VICTORIA"      | 19th Feb. |

**HONG KONG TO SHANGHAI**

|                      |           |
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| s.s. "C. BIANCAMANO" | 9th Jan.  |
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Hong Kong.  
Friday, 7th January, 1938.

**PROMOTION**

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotion in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from 7th January, 1938:—

Company Sergeant Major Gordon Patrick Ferguson to be Second Lieutenant.

(C. S. O. 2in 198/37).

**COMMAND—MACHINE GUN TROOP**  
2/Lt. G. P. Ferguson will assume command of the Machine Gun Troop with effect from 7th January, 1938.

**PARADES**

1st Battery  
Signal Section  
Tuesday 11th January. Parade at H. Q. 5.30 p.m.

Friday 14th January. Parade at Belchers 5.45 p.m.

A Section  
Tuesday 13th January. Parade at Belchers 6 p.m.

L Section  
Friday 14th January. Parade at Belchers 5.45 p.m.

Camp at Pak Sha Wan  
A Section—February 18th to 20th.  
L Section—February 25th to 27th.

2nd Battery  
Wednesday 12th January. 5.30 p.m. Parade in H.M.S. Tamar. Dress—Overalls. S. D. Cap.

Thursday 13th January. 8.00 for 8.15 p.m. Battery Dinner.

Engineer Company  
Monday 10th January. Lewis gun firing on Kennedy Road Range. Transport leaves H. Q. at 5.15 p.m. Overalls to be taken.

Thursday 13th January. D. E. L. instruction at Belchers Fort 5.45 p.m. Dress—Overalls and Caps.

Corps Signals  
Tuesday 11th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. A full attendance is required.

Machine Gun Troop  
Tuesday 11th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

Armoured Car Section  
Tuesday 11th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

A and B—Driving instruction.  
C—M. G. Mechanism.

Friday 14th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

A and B—M. G. Stoppages and I. A. C—M. G. Mechanism.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon  
Friday 14th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for tactical exercise at Deepwater Bay.

No. 1 (M.G.) Company  
Sunday 9th January. M. G. course at Stonecutters Range. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier 8.45 a.m. Dress—Optional.

Friday 14th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

No. 2 (M.G.) Company (Scottish)  
Sunday 9th January. Stonecutters. For details see No. 1 (M. G.) Company above.

O. C. Company will detail one range officer.

No. 3 (M.G.) Company  
Sunday 9th January. The following will fire Part II A.M.G.C. at Stonecutters.

A/Cpl. Rowe.  
Pte. Chong, Y. M.  
Pte. Shroff.  
Pte. Becker.  
Pte. Luke.

For details see No. 1 (M. G.) Company above.

O. C. Company will detail one range officer.

Monday 10th January. Those detailed by O. C. Company will parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for E. G. D.

Thursday 13th January. Remainder will parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. N. C. O.'s for instruments. Remainder Mechanism.

No. 4 (M.G.) Company  
Wednesday 12th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. M. G. Instruction.

Friday 14th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. M. G. Instruction.

Portuguese Companies  
Tuesday 11th January.

No. 5 (M. G.) Company. Classes 1 and 2—Mechanism—revision. Class 3—Stripping and assembling. Recruits etc. E. G. D.

A. A. Company. Backward and forward action, in preparation for I. A. Competition.

Sunday 16th January. Only recruits and other as detailed—Musketry—Stonecutters. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon at 8.45 a.m.

Sunday 23rd January. Musketry—Kowloon City "B" Range. Recruits

who have not fired ball will not be allowed to attend.

Machine Gun Signals  
Monday 10th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

Army Service Corps Company  
Thursday 13th January. Lewis gun instruction at R.A.S.C. Camber at 5.30 p.m.

Pay Section  
Friday 14th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

R.O.D.C.—Construction Section  
Thursday 13th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. 4th lecture, "Preparation of charges."

**PROMOTIONS**  
Pay Section

No. 2795 Sgt. L. J. Cave promoted Col./Sgt. appointed C.Q.M.S.—7.1.38.

No. 2760 Sgt. A. A. Dand promoted Col./Sgt. appointed C.Q.M.S.—7.1.38.

No. 2755 Sgt. R. Dormer promoted Col./Sgt. appointed C.Q.M.S.—7.1.38.

No. 2761 Sgt. G. B. Labrum promoted Col./Sgt. appointed C.Q.M.S.—7.1.38.

No. 2967 Pte. F. G. Maunder promoted Sergeant—7.1.38.

**TRANSFER**  
No. 2198 Pte. W. J. Dyer, No. 1 (M. G.) Company, to Unit Reserve—7.1.38.

**LEAVE**  
Lieut. R. M. Wood, No. 3 (M. G.) Company, granted leave 5.2.38-12.11.38.

No. 1389 C.Q.M.S. J. C. Polson, No. 2 (M. G.) Company, granted leave 3.11.37—3.1.38.

No. 2513 L/Bdr. D. Cuthbertson, 2nd Battery, granted leave 31.12.37—30.12.38.

No. 1323 Pte. C. A. J. V. Ribeiro, A. A. Company, granted leave 8.9.37—7.12.37.

No. 1592 L/Sgt. H. de Sa, A. A. Company, granted leave 9.11.37—8.3.38.

No. 2606 Pte. W. E. Allen, Medical Section, granted leave 22.1.38—30.11.38.

No. 1986 Pte. K. A. Munro and No. 1916 Pte. G. Milne, No. 2 (M. G.) Company returned from leave 31.12.37.

**STRENGTH—DECREASE**  
No. 1566 Gnr. J. P. Whitham, 1st Battery Reserve—8.1.38. (Leaving Colony).

No. 2602 Pte. F. G. Ribeiro, A. A. Company, No. 9 Pl. Reserve—12.11.37.

No. 1942 Pte. A. M. Xavier, A. A. Company, No. 9 Pl. Reserve—12.11.37.

**STRENGTH—INCREASE**  
2979 Private C. S. M. Them H. K. and W. Dock Co. 58053 A. Car Section. 4.1.38.

S. F. HEDGECOE, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

**NOTICE**  
Sergeants' Mess Committee

There will be a Sergeants' Mess Committee meeting in the Mess at 6 p.m. on Wednesday January 12th 1938.

**AFFILIATED UNIT NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D. CORPS**

Lecture  
Next lecture at H. K. University, School of Physiology at 5.30 p.m. on 10th January.

Enrolment  
Mrs. T. Dulle—3.1.38.

Sgt. E. M. BEGG, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

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# RACE FOR 2ND DIV. SOCCER HONOURS



Izzard, of the Middlesex Regiment, above, is at present leading the Second Division goalscorers.

## LAI WAH CUP FOOTBALL TIE TO-DAY

CIVILIANS MEET CHINESE

## GOOD ENCOUNTER ANTICIPATED

(By "OUTSIDE LEFT")

A very good game of soccer will be witnessed on the Club ground this afternoon, when the Civilians will meet the Chinese in the Semi-Final Round of the Lai Wah Cup knockout competition.

The Civilians will be fielding a very strong team, representative of all the European Clubs in the First Division, and it is worthy of note that Ulrich, of Kowloon, has again secured recognition, probably following his display for Hong Kong against the British Isles last Sunday.

Remedios, Bliss and Andy Wilson will form a powerful intermediate line with a thrustful forward line in T. Pile, Ward, Knox, Howlett and Honnibal, Kowloon F.C. being represented here by two players.

### MUST ESTABLISH REPUTATION

The Chinese are taking no risks, and with the approaching games against the Islington Corinthians, will go all out to establish a firm reputation before the English visitors arrive here.

Lee Tin-sang and Mak Shui-hon will again be paired in the full-back division and with splendid support from a strong intermediate line comprising Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Hing-choi and Lee Kwok-wai, should prove more than a match for the opposing attack.

Much of to-day's success will depend upon the two defences, as the attacks are fairly well balanced.

The Army will meet the Navy in the other Semi-Final Round encounter to-morrow on the Kowloon Football Club ground.

The following are to-day's teams and reserves:—

Civilian XI:—Manning (Police); C. Pile (Police) and Ulrich (Kowloon); C. Remedios (St. Joseph's), A. Bliss (Kowloon) (Capt.) and Wilson (Club); T. Pile (Police), A. Ward (St. Joseph's), D. Knox (Kowloon), J. Howlett (Police) and Honnibal (Kowloon). Reserves:—A. J. Hussain (St. Joseph's), Gough (Police), Bickford (Club), Leonard (St. Joseph's), G. Hill (Club), F. Fowler (Club) and V. White (Kowloon).

Chinese XI:—Tam Kwan-kon (South China "B"); Mak Shui-hon (South China "A"); and Lee Ting-sang (South China "A"); Leung Wing-chiu (South China "A"); Lau Hing-choi (South China "A"); and Lee Kwok-wai (South China "A"); Yeung Shui-yick (South China "B"); Lau Chong-sang (South China "B"); Fung King-cheong (South China "A"); Lai Shui-wing (South

## ROYAL SCOTS TO TAKE OVER SEAFORTHS' FIXTURES?

## 5TH ACK-ACK BRIGADE CHALLENGED BY SEAFORTHS TO-DAY

## PORTUGUESE S.A. OUT FOR THIRD DIV. CHAMPIONSHIP

(By "UBIQUE")

THE fight for Second Division championship honours has now reached a very interesting stage and with half the season now over there are at least five teams in the running, and, but for the enforced withdrawal of the Seaforths at the end of the month, this team would also still be in the running.

It is not known whether the Royal Scots, the relieving battalion, will take over Seaforths' fixtures, but in view of the fact that a new team seldom does well in their first few games, they are not expected to improve on the Seaforths' present position.

## FOOTBALL FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

The following is the football programme for the week-end:—

### TO-DAY

#### LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION

Chinese v Civilians  
(Club, 3.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Reynolds.  
Linesmen: Finch and Ottoway.

#### SECOND DIVISION

Seaforths v 5th A.A. Bde. R.A.  
(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Gomes.  
Club v Kwong Wah  
(Club, 2.15 p.m.)  
Referee:—Rees.

Police v Middlesex  
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Jones.

South China v Engineers (C.)  
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Salter.

#### THIRD DIVISION (HONG KONG)

Police v 5th Bde. A.A. R.A.  
(Military, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Hudson.  
Ordnance v Stanley  
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Wyper.  
Powhattan v Service Corps  
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Millar.

#### THIRD DIVISION (KOWLOON)

University v 24th Bty. R.A.  
(Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Hartley.  
Air Force v 20th Bty. R.A.  
(Prince Edward Road, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Hobson.  
Kumaons v Signals  
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—F. G. Smith.  
Portuguese S.A. v Seaforths  
(King's Park, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Dove.

### TO-MORROW

#### LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION

Navy v Army  
(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Omar.  
Linesmen:—Ip and Kossick.

#### SECOND DIVISION

Engineers v Eastern  
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Searle.

#### THIRD DIVISION (HONG KONG)

Medicals v Engineers  
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Summerville.

China "A" and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—Kwok Ping-cheong (Eastern), Lam Tak-po (South China "A"), Chan Tak-fai (South China "B"), Soong Ling-sing (Eastern), Sammy Tsang (Eastern), Chong Chan-fai (Kowloon-Chinese) and Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern).

Unless something unexpected happens, there should be no changes in the positions of the leading teams in this division, to-day, as they are, for the most part, engaged against teams from the lower half of the table.

The outstanding game should be that between the Seaforths and the hitherto unbeaten 5th A.A. Brigade, Royal Artillery team, and should the Scots field their best side, they may beat the Gunners.

### GOOD—TUSSE

There should be a good tussle between Calvert, the Gunner's centre forward, and Spiers, the Seaforths' pivot, while Baneroff, on the Artillery right-wing, should be watched, for not only is he good at centring but can shoot. He is well up with the leading goal-scorers in the Second Division.

Kwong Wah should have no difficulty in trouncing the Club, and with their usual team available are offering the Middlesex and 5th A.A. Bde. Royal Artillery, a very strong challenge for the championship. Every forward in the Kwong Wah team can shoot and Chin Chifan and Henry Young, should give the Club defence a gruelling time.

### LEADING GOAL-SCORER

The game between the Middlesex and the Police should afford Izzard, an opportunity of easily maintaining his position as the leading goalscorer in the Second Division, and the soldiers should retain their position at the head of the table.

The Third Division League is fast coming to an end and the Portuguese Sporting Association require only one more point to win the Kowloon section. They are due to meet the Seaforths this afternoon, and should collect both points, despite the fact that they were held to a draw in the First round. The strength of the Portuguese team lies in their forward line, in which Gaan, H. Santos and Campos are the most dangerous.

In the Hong Kong section, the Ordnance, who are now second in the table, encounter Stanley and should win. They are not expected to over take the Medicals in the race, for the section championship, but are keen to be runners-up, which may entitle them to a play off for the Third Division runners-up title.

## NEXT WEEK'S FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

### First Division

South China "B" v Club  
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Martin.  
Linesmen:—Johns and Edwards.  
Kowloon v Kowloon Chinese  
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Barton.  
Linesmen:—Demmee and F. Silva.  
Middlesex v South China "A"  
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Ottoway.  
Linesmen:—Brothwell and Godfrey.  
Police v Seaforths  
(Club, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Finch.  
Linesmen:—Sutterley and Purnell.

### Second Division

Kowloon v Club  
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Clarke.  
Kwong Wah v Engineers  
(Prince Edward Road, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Searle.  
Eastern v Seaforths  
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—French.  
Middlesex v South China  
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Yong.  
5th Bde. A.A.R.A. v Police  
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—J. Silva.

### Third Division (Hong Kong)

5th Bde. R.A. v Engineers  
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Savage.  
Medicals v Police  
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Barretto.  
Service Corps v Ordnance  
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Whittle.

Stanley v Powhattan  
(Military, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—F. Smith.

### Third Division (Kowloon)

24th R.A. v 20th R.A.  
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Sharpe.  
Air Force v University  
(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Morecroft.  
Portuguese S.A. v Kumaon  
(King's Park, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Stone.

Signals v Seaforths  
(Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Phillips.

### SUNDAY

#### Junior Shield

Portuguese S.A. v Air Force  
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Havelaar.  
University v Police  
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)  
Referee:—Baker.

#### First Division

St. Joseph's v Eastern  
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Smyth.  
Linesmen:—Hartley and Wyper.

#### Second Division

Kwong Wah v Police  
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)  
Referee:—Rees.





Pte. Saw, of the Middlesex Regiment, above, will probably be playing for the Army against the Royal Navy in the Lai Wah Cup competition to-morrow on the K.F.C. ground.

## TWO RUGBY GAMES THIS AFTERNOON

ADVENTURE MEET  
ARMY XV

## BOTH FRIENDLY FIXTURES

(By "REFEREE")

With the conclusion of the Rugby Triangular Tournament, with the exception of the return encounter between the Club and the Army next Saturday, the Rugby season has lost much of its significance, especially as the Interport match with Shanghai has been cancelled.

This afternoon two friendly encounters will be held on the Royal Navy ground, at Causeway Bay and are not likely to attract much attention.

The main fixture of the afternoon will be the clash between H.M.S. Adventure and the Army fifteen.

### ADVENTURE-ARMY RUGBY GAME CANCELLED

Due to the fact that about 10 of the Army's first Rugby fifteen are on the injured list, and the fact that the Royal Engineers are unable to send any of their men in from camp, the Rugby game between H.M.S. Adventure and the Army, scheduled for the Causeway Bay ground at 4 p.m., has unavoidably been cancelled.

and, although there are only four members of the Royal Navy fifteen in the former team, they should fully extend the Army side, who have not been so weak for several seasons.

At 2.45 p.m., the Club "A" fifteen will meet H.M.S. Capetown in what promises to be an interesting encounter as the sailors from this ship have not been seen in action for some time.

The following are some of the teams:

Adventure XV.—Tel. Duffy; A. B. Northcott; A. B. Merriman; Lt. Smith; Sig. Murray; Lt. (E) Walsham; Pay. Lt. Roanthe; Sgt. Burston; S. B. A. Jones; Mne. Dumbleton; Lt. Tel. Crabbe; O. A. Dyer; Mne. Mumford; C. E. R. A. Martin and Mne. Lewis.

H.M.S. "Capetown".—L. S. Richardson; Tel. Haines; S. P. O. Curtis; Mne. Swabey; E. R. A. Mutch; L. S. Weeks; A. B. Bates; L. St. Wallace; Lt. McBeath (Captain); A. B. Herbert; St. Barrow; St. Edwards; A. B. Dawson; Ck. McClure; St. Gibson.

Club "A" XV.—R. Rutherford; E. M. Watts; M. G. Carruthers; E. Taverner; D. Hynes; C. W. Eyle; J. R. Henderson; E. N. Stout; J. S. Dunnett (Captain); R. G. L. Oliphant; T. H. Pratt; A. S. Olsen; A. G. Dalziel; K. H. G. White and J. K. Birt.

## SENIOR CRICKET LEAGUE RESUMES

FULL PROGRAMME  
OF MATCHES

## ARMY "A" AGAINST K.C.C. IN JUNIOR DIVISION

(By "ADREM")

Following a period of about two month's inactivity, the Senior Cricket League resumes to-day with a full programme of matches.

There is no really outstanding team in this League this season and in consequence it promises to more open than for many years.

It is extremely difficult to forecast the result of any of the games down for decision this afternoon. Recreio meet Civil Service. At the beginning of the season I would have had little hesitation in labelling these two sides, the weakest in the division. Now, I am not so sure.

Both are capable of causing upsets, provided their best players strike anything like normal form, but in view of the fact that the Valley team have shown considerably more consistency, they should get the benefit of any definite decision that is arrived at.

E. C. FINCHER BACK

K.C.C. have had such extraordinarily bad results throughout the season that I must confess to being chary of their prospects against the Army, despite the fact that the latter have themselves, done nothing distinguished. Having regard to the return of E. C. Fincher, to the side, the apparent striking of form of his brother Ernie, the brilliant batting of Donald Anderson and bowling of Robbie Lee, however, I feel that K.C.C., who will be at full strength—except for Frank Goodwin, should put together a sufficiently large total to enable them to win. I don't think there will be a draw.

ANOTHER CLOSE GAME?

H.K.C.C. and Navy, following their thrilling game last week in the Triangular Tournament, will again be opposed to each other. I shall be very surprised if the sailors manage to get Alec Pearce out to-day as cheaply as they did last week, but against this, Club will be without the services of men like McLellan and Baker, who will be turning out for the Civil Service.

If the Naval side has not been depleted by ships' movements, this game should again be very close indeed and I am not going to attempt to forecast the result.

OLD RIVALS

Those old rivals the I.R.C. and Craigengower will oppose each other at Sookunpoo. Whatever the current strength of their side, I cannot remember Craigengower ever beating I.R.C. in a League match on the latter's ground. Frankly I don't think they will do so this afternoon. I would say a draw is about the best they can hope for, with due respects to George Souza and Ernie Zimmern, their batting stalwarts.

PROGRAMME

|          |   |               |
|----------|---|---------------|
| Recreio  | v | Civil Service |
| Army     | v | K.C.C.        |
| H.K.C.C. | v | Navy          |
| I.R.C.   | v | C.C.C.        |

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The big game in the Junior League will be played at Cox's Road

## LADIES' HOCKEY PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY

CAER CLARK CUP  
St. Andrew's Ladies v. H.K. Ladies  
(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)  
BRAUN CUP  
Seaforth L. v. Recreio Ladies  
(Murray P.G., 3.15 p.m.)  
St. Andrew's Ladies v. C.B.S. "B"  
(C.B.S. ground, 3 p.m.)  
C.B.A. Ladies v. C.B.S. "A"  
(Y ground, 3 p.m.)  
FRIENDLY  
"Y" Ladies v. C.B.A. Ladies  
(C.B.A. ground, 4 p.m.)

where K.C.C., holders of the championship, meet Army "A" about their strongest challengers. The former are a good batting side, but the Army team are probably a stronger in attack and the result will probably be dependent on which side wins the toss.

The does not appear to be very much of interest in the remainder of the programme, although Navy and H.K.C.C. are likely to be featured in a thrilling struggle.

PROGRAMME

|          |   |          |
|----------|---|----------|
| Navy     | v | H.K.C.C. |
| C.C.C.   | v | I.R.C.   |
| K.C.C.   | v | Army "A" |
| C.S.C.C. | v | H.K.U.   |
| P.R.C.   | v | Army "B" |

(Continued from next Column)

The "Y" Ladies, following their hockey dance last night, will meet the Central British Association Ladies in a senior friendly encounter on the C.B.A. ground, commencing at 4 p.m.

## LADIES' HOCKEY RESUMES WITH FOUR ENCOUNTERS

St. Andrew's Meet  
H. K. Ladies

The Ladies' League hockey season resumes this afternoon with four encounters, one in the Caer Clark Cup League and three in the Braun Cup League.

At King's Park, St. Andrew's will entertain the Hong Kong Ladies in what promises to be an exciting encounter with the odds on the latter. H. K. Ladies are at the moment on level terms with the "Y" Ladies, the League champions, although the latter have a game in hand and a better goal average.

St. Andrew's Ladies have only won one encounter in three and will make a strong endeavour to-day to strengthen their position.

BRAUN CUP

In the Braun Cup League Recreio Ladies, the leaders, should experience no difficulty in securing a brace of points at the expense of the Seaforth Ladies whom they meet on the Murray Parade ground.

Central British Schoolgirls "A" have hitherto maintained a 100 per cent. record in two matches, but whether this will be the case after this afternoon's clash with the C.B.A. Ladies, it is difficult to forecast.

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(By "J. C. DAVIS")

Sydney, November 4.

**F**EW reach the altitudes in cricket who are not real dyed-in-the-wool enthusiasts. And none remain there. To achieve the great things, the player has to subordinate some desires that eat up time, and concentrate on practice and on attuning himself bodily. Successful batting and fielding call for physical condition of the best if the high lights are to be wooed not in vain.

Cricketers in the important cities have incomparably better opportunities of getting practice and developing than many men who, by their rare deeds, years ago, helped to make the name of Australia in their game. Those old generations played cricket because it was in their blood. In the home districts of cricketers of the present there are admirable grounds, with good practice wickets, dressing rooms, showers, and lockers.

The character of club practice wickets may not always be above suspicion—by batsmen. But these are as good and true as most of those on which the real old champions often had to practice.

Success as an all-rounder in first-class cricket—which is much more strenuous than ordinary club cricket—is won only by the cricketer who is perfectly fit.

#### PHYSICAL NEGLECT

Many a player has to thank some neglect in his physical preparation for disappointing failure when expectations by his admirers and by himself were very high.

As a boy I remember Harry Moses the left-hander, when he was leading batsman of New South Wales, and others in his class, practising on the open Sydney Domain ground. Dressing room accommodation did not exist. There can be no excuse these times for cricketers in the cities, and little excuse for those in the country, not to practise keenly, persistently, and thoroughly. Grounds are handy, and arrangements good enough for all save the grumblers, whom it is impossible to please.

Not so long ago, when discussing cricket of by-gone times with Mr. Hugh Massie, the hard-hitting hero of the Kennington Oval Test in 1882, he let light into the conditions under which he and the others of his time practised sixty years ago.

#### NO MOTOR CARS

Mr. Massie said that he had to go out to the Albert Ground at Redfern (then a fair journey from the city) to practise. When he had finished he had to walk to Clovelly, on the ocean front, because there was no other way to reach home. Trains, trams, motor-cars, and motor buses—even ordinary horse buses—did not exist or run there. Roads and footpaths were not the smooth, perfect ones they are to-day. Rough roads in places were bounded by virgin bush.

Can we picture many cricketers prepared to do that now, were practise otherwise unattainable?

Mr. Charlie Beal, an old Sydney Grammar School boy, and a city solicitor, managed the 1882 Australian Eleven in England. He often told me that **HUGH MASSIE MADE HIMSELF A GREAT FIELDSMAN THROUGH DILIGENT PRACTICE, WITH THE RESULT THAT HE WENT THROUGH THE ENTIRE CAM-**



#### PAIGN IN ENGLAND IN 1882 WITHOUT MISSING A CHANCE.

Yes, enthusiasm and the desire to take pains in everything is a stepping-stone to cricket success.

#### BATTING AT 6 A.M.

Warren Bardsley and Charles Kelleway, unable to get all the afternoon practice they desired, made it a custom before starting the season, to rise very early and turn out for practice on the park at the end of Glebe Point, where Jubilee Oval is now located. At 6 a.m. they could be seen batting, bowling, and fielding, though the grass might be very wet and the ball as heavy as lead. It paid them handsomely, because they developed early form and condition.

They were ambitious, and the records of England v. Australia tell you how they succeeded.

At one period in his brilliant career Sydney Gregory was unable to get away from his employment in time to obtain the right sort of practice, though he was living with his parents in the old cottage at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Once an English team was coming out, and he naturally desired to be in his best form.

#### GOT HIS PRACTICE

One day I remarked on his absence from the official practice. He explained the reason and said that if he could get anyone to bowl to him he would practise before breakfast on the big ground. The writer volunteered to do so if it would be any use or value.

The upshot was that, without pads or gloves, and with only one stump in the ground, Syd Gregory got his practice—such as it was—between 6 and 7 a.m. in front of the Members' Pavilion on that occasion. His batting, after one or two mornings, became a revelation. So accurate was his timing that it reminded one of billiards by a champion.

**HE ALSO DID SOME RUNNING AROUND THE FIELD TO HARDEN HIS CONDITION AND HELP HIS SPEED, WITH THE RESULT THAT NO MAN OF OUR TIMES, NOT EVEN GILBERT JESSOP, THE WONDER OF ENGLAND, HAS SURPASSED WHAT HE USED TO DO AT COVER-POINT.**

#### CRICKET WISDOM

The humorist of the game, Cecil Parkin, has written some tabloids

of cricket wisdom. Here are a few:

"Play the great game with your mind as well as your body. Play as often as you can. Watch as many first-class matches as you can. By hook or crook get into a club where good coaching is available, and a high standard of play is always expected."

The volatile Englishman emphasises a point some authorities in Australia overlook. It is the wisdom of so arranging the club programme that young players may have an opportunity of seeing the leading first-class matches on the Saturday. I knew the position may be difficult at times. But once it would have been a sacrifice for the governing body in a State to carry on its club premiership at the same time as a first-class match was being played on the Sydney or Melbourne ground. In other times it was more vividly realised that ambitious young players could learn a great deal by watching the champions in a keen match.

#### IMITATIVE!

Young cricketers are imitative. I have already seen a few young bowlers who are fashioned on W. J. O'Reilly. His mannerisms, run, and delivery and methods of introducing guile and break are as much a part of himself as those of Spofforth and Turner were of theirs. They are being copied. Let us hope the young ones will develop on lines that go beyond any mere copy to embrace distinctive qualities all their own.

If Bill O'Reilly's manipulation of the ball to create deceptive flight, his accuracy of pitch as well as his break from either side—no matter how slight it may be on a good, true wicket—is reproduced what a fine thing it will be for cricket as well as the cricketer who achieves it.

#### IN TRUMPER'S REIGN

In Victor Trumper's reign one could see young batsmen everywhere in Sydney adopting his attacking methods and developing some of the fascinating strokes by which he piled up the scores and threw the bowler out of gear. And, above all, his immaculate style.

**THE MORAL IS THAT IF A YOUNG PLAYER HAS TO ASSIST HIS CLUB ON THE SATURDAY OF A BIG MATCH HE OUGHT TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO TO SEE PLAY ON THE FRIDAY OR THE MONDAY, OR PICK HIS SPECIAL TIME TO STUDY SOME PARTICULAR BATSMAN OR BOWLER WHO IS COMMANDING REGULAR SUCCESS.**

One of the best things in batting



is combination between the men at the wickets. It becomes a delight to spectators and a delight to the men themselves. Victor Trumper was a wonder in judgment and speed in making singles and in turning singles into twos and twos into threes. In conjunction with R. A. Duff, Clem Hill, and Syd Gregory his running was a joy. As a rule the non-striker calls when the ball goes behind the wicket. It is a cricket treat to see Don Bradman and Stan McCabe in a good partnership—such as that in Melbourne in the last Test of 1936-7.

#### "RULE OF THE ROAD"

The two men must understand one another and recognise "the rule of the road." Without the right understanding, however, disaster will come. There was the case of Jack Fingleton being run out at Waverley two weeks back. Wendell Bill, in a momentary out-of-touch mood forgot his part, and Fingleton lost his wicket.

A. C. MacLaren—the wonderful Archib—tells an apt story of this little are in cricket, and the influence it may have even in a Test match.

"I will ask readers," wrote the famous English batsman, "to decide for themselves what they would have done in my shoes in two Test matches, both of which I dared to think would possible have been won during the 1901 tour in Australia, and which would have sent us home winners three to two in place of defeated four to one."

#### FIRST INSTANCE

"The first instance occurred in the third Test match at Sydney, when we were one-all. The century had gone up for us on our winning the toss, and my partner, who had opened with me was still there. Both of us were on the top of our form, when I cut Trumble to Victor Trumper's left at third man, calling at once in a loud voice, 'No,' to my partner, whom, to my horror, I saw pounding down the wicket as hard as he could leg it."

In less time than it takes to tell, I was off as hard as I could for the far wicket, quite satisfied that my partner must be out if I did not run, seeing there was no stopping him, with the fieldsman picking up a genuine cut cleanly with the left hand. To my mortification Trumper's lightning return hit the far wicket, for me to be run out six or seven yards!

"We lost the game by three wickets."

"In spite of my being well in to the bowling I have always felt that I did the only thing possible, for there was a much greater chance of the ball missing the wicket, and not being gathered by the bowler cleanly than if I had sent my partner back, when he could not have pulled up. It would have allowed far more time for the fieldsman to return the ball easily, and with certainty for the bowler to collect."

#### "COMING TWO"

"On the occasion of another Test at Melbourne," wrote Mr. MacLaren, "as I passed my partner between the wickets after he had driven the ball wide of the deep off fieldsman, I said, 'Coming two!' when it was always my practice to go all out with my head down, after

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# FOUR SOFTBALL ENCOUNTERS FOR TO-MORROW

## CELLAR CHAMPS TO BE DECIDED

### INAUGURATION OF NEW FILIPINO CLUB BUILDING

(By "SHORTSTOP")

THE resumption of the Softball League will witness four games to-morrow, marking the opening of the 1938 season with a hurried attempt to conclude the present schedule, in order to make way for the proposed International Softball Series.

At 10 a.m., on the Filipino Club ground, the home team will tangle with the H. K. Baseball Club, and will be followed by a game between the Canadian Chinese and the Forum. The C.B.A. will play a double-header on their own ground, crossing bats first with the Vets, and later with the Machine Gunners.

When the present League began, it was generally understood that either the C.B.A., or the Machine Gunners would end up in the cellar position. At present, the C.B.A. is leading the League from the wrong end, but to-morrow's game will undoubtedly decide which of these two Clubs will be holding the bag.

Nothing short of a miracle will prevent the Vets from winning the next two games. They should record an easy win over the C.B.A., and shouldn't have much difficulty in disposing of the Filipino boys in their next encounter. There is so small a likelihood of any upset that the Vets have just about cinched the local pennant for the season, together with the Mayo Trophy.

#### NEW CLUBHOUSE

After the first game on the Filipino Club ground, the newly built Clubhouse will be officially opened. It is probable that Mrs. La Sala, the wife of the President of the Club, will officiate. Music and refreshments will follow the ceremony, in traditional Filipino hospitality.

#### "SPOTLIGHT"

Ralph Leonard ("Butch") McCall, the tall, gangling native son of California, first saw the light of day on a farm in the Imperial Valley, in Southern California, in 1913, which makes him a comparative youngster. Ralph is known in baseball parlance as one with "high pockets," meaning that he stands six feet two inches in his stockinged feet, and his weight is 170 pounds.

After completing grade school at Fresno, he graduated from the High School of Commerce, at San Francisco, and then entered Fresno State College.

#### BASEBALL HIS FORTE

Although he is an all-round athlete, Ralph is mostly interested in baseball and has played in all the sandlot teams from the "rinky-dinks" on up through the "yannigans" and to college. When he found his baseball feet, he played consistently at the initial sack, but can take the mound just as easily.

His average for strike-outs in the number of games pitched in the local League last season was the highest of all the pitchers. In fact, Ralph is a one man baseball team, and is a welcome addition to any Club, especially with his ability to "shag" flies with his immense paws. He has the fastest delivery to-day in the Colony and more curves than any other pitcher, and it takes a good catcher to hold him.

#### OTHER SPORTS

Basketball took up most of his time during the winter season in California, and he was for two years

in the champion aggregation that won the Fresno City Basketball League, where he shone at centre.

Ralph came to Hong Kong four years ago, speaks Cantonese like a native, and is now connected with the Vogue, milliners at the Gloucester Hotel Building.

### ST. ANDREW'S MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON TRIUMPH

#### RECREIO BEAT FREE LANCES

Contrary to expectations, St. Andrew's beat the University in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League by 5 sets to 4 last night.

Recreio "A" defeated the Free Lances by 8 games to 1, while Recreio "B" gave Taikoo Recreation Club a walk-over.

The following are the results of the two matches:

#### FREE LANCES LOSE TO RECREIO

M. A. Oliveria and Miss M. Silva (Recreio "A") beat S. W. Clark and Mrs. Clark 21-8

beat J. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths 21-17

beat A. L. Fisher and Miss P. McCaw 21-10

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro (Recreio "A") beat Clark and Mrs. Clark 21-9

beat Henderson and Miss Griffiths 21-12

beat Fisher and Miss McCaw 21-18

L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio "A") beat Clark and Mrs. Clark 21-15

lost to Henderson and Miss Griffiths 24-19

beat Fisher and Miss McCaw 21-12

#### ST. ANDREW'S JUST LOSE

W. C. Choy and Mrs. Stokes (St. Andrew's) beat Miss D. Liauw and K. L. Yong 23-21

lost to Miss J. Choa and P. K. Hui 21-16

beat Miss J. Anderson and T. F. Young 21-5

E. F. Fincher and Miss Wong (St. Andrew's) lost to Miss Liauw and Yong 21-14

beat Miss Choa and Hui 21-14

beat Miss Anderson and Yong 21-15

H. Kew and Miss Churn (St. Andrew's) lost to Miss Anderson and Yong 21-17

lost to Miss Choa and Hui 21-18

beat Miss Anderson and Yong 21-9



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#### FIRST ROUND MATCHES

Mrs. Garner v. Mrs. Hillier; Mrs. S. Mills v. Mrs. McGowan; Mrs. Guinness v. Mrs. Cassidy; Mrs. Forbes v. Mrs. King; Mrs. Holmes v. Mrs. Shewan; Mrs. Gilmore v. Miss Goodrich; Mrs. Whyte-Smith v. Mrs. McDonald; Mrs. Lissaman v. Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie.

#### CONDITIONS

18 holes match play on the Old Course, Fanning. 4 difference of handicap. The first named player is responsible for fixing the tie. If the result is not posted on the closing date for the round the second named player goes into the next round. The final will be played



### INTER-SECTION HOCKEY GAME AT SOOKUNPOO

This afternoon on the Sookunpoo hockey ground, the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club will meet the 8th Destroyer Flotilla in the second game in the final round of the Inter-Section, commencing at 4 p.m.

with an umpire, and will be arranged by the Committee.

First round matches to be played by February 1; second round by February 15 and third round by March 1.





The above group is the Royal Navy triumphant Triangular Rugby Tournament fifteen which defeated the Club last Saturday in a memorable game at Causeway Bay. Let to right (top-row) are: Surg. Lt. Ellis (Medway); P. O. Askwith (Dainty); Lt. Walsham (Adventure); Lt. "Mike" Harvey (Odin) (Captain); Lt. Talbot (Otus); A. B. Northcott (Adventure) and Lt. Walters (Olympus). (Bottom-row) Lt. Maydon (Orpheus); Lt. Ogle Phoenix; Lt. Anderson (Olympus); Lt. Woods (Grampus); A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); A. B. Romans (Eagle); Sergt. Burston (Adventure); and Sig. Ford (Tamar) and Rev. J. T. B. Evans, R.N. Naval Rugby Secretary. ("Mail" photo).

## PROBABLES' MISTAKES IN FIRST WELSH TRIAL

CHANGES WHICH SELECTORS MIGHT MAKE

### NEWPORT GROUND FIASCO

The International Rugby classics will commence next Saturday at Cardiff when Wales meet England in the first encounter in the series.

(By ROWE HARDING)

London, December 8.

So much of my report of the second Welsh trial match had perforce to be devoted to a catalogue of withdrawals, injuries, and substitutions that some further thoughts on this most unsatisfactory match may not be amiss.

Saturday's fiasco confirmed the opinion I had previously held that Rodney Parade on a wet day, or after rain, is about the worst first-class ground in Wales, and good Rugby is quite impossible on its greasy, sticky surface.

Whatever misgivings we may have about our forwards this season we have none about our mid-field players behind the scrum; yet on Saturday, in spite of their numerous chances, they could engineer only one try. For the rest of the game they were fast-bound in the mud.

#### WEATHER FACTOR

The moral is that important trial matches should not be played at Newport, for in this uncertain climate it is at least as likely that on a given Saturday the weather will be wet as that it will be fine. It may be argued that a good team should be able to win whatever the conditions, and, within limits, this is true.

The Probables did not win more decisively because they adopted the wrong tactics. They should have realised, after the first ten minutes, that monotonously feeling the



ball back did not pay. Their obvious game was the wheel and rush, with an occasional quick-heel in their opponents' twenty-five.

#### NEVER SO BAD

The point, though, is that on international grounds like Twickenham, Murrayfield, Swansea and even Cardiff conditions will never be so bad as to make orthodox passing movements as unprofitable as they were at Newport.

I do not know what the selectors think about Saturday's happenings. Naturally, they cannot be altogether satisfied, but there is no reason, either, why they should be unduly alarmed. If Jenkins, Wooler, Edwards and Cliff Jones did nothing to enhance their reputations, their respective opponents did not better, though W. T. H. Davies played well enough to make me wish that the selectors had tried the experiment of playing him as a five-eighth. Tanner, Bassett and Clement were well out of it.

#### PACK DID BETTER

The Probables pack did rather better than in the first trial match, without exerting a definite superiority. Morgan for Law, Anderson for H. Rees, Bowen or Taylor for A. M. Rees or Leslie Evans are further experiments the selectors might try, though personally I think they should interfere with the

### HOOK TO FIGHT KANE IN LONDON

Toronto, November 26.—Henry Hook has agreed to fight Peter Kane in London in January. He has already cabled his acceptance. Hook, who is the seventh ranking bantam-weight, has not yet visited England. He was given the decision against Baby Yack, the Canadian bantam champion, here in September, and was also awarded the decision recently against Chris Delarosa, of Mexico City.

### MILSOM ON FOOTBALL TRANSFER LIST

London, December 4.—At his own request Milsom, the Bolton Wanderers centre-forward, has been placed on the transfer list. Since joining Bolton from Rochdale in 1930 Milsom has scored 152 goals in League and F. A. Cup games. He previously played for Bristol Rovers.

Probables—forwards as little as possible. They gave their backs the ball often enough to have scored a dozen tries in suitable conditions.

The Possibles forwards who impressed me most were Bowen and Taylor, the wingers, not so much for their destructive work as for their clean handling of the greasy ball and their knack of bobbing up in the right place at the right time. Either would be an addition to the attacking resources of the Probable team.



### SECRETS OF CRICKET SUCCESS

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turning at the wicket the striker had left.

It was only when I had got half-way on the second run that I noticed my partner had sailed on long past the wicket after his first run. I at once slipped up on a wet surface in turning. But picking myself up, I dashed back, to be run out by inches only. My partner was to blame for the throwing away of my wicket when I was confident we had won the game.

#### "SAILED PAST WICKET"

"My partner had no right to sail past the wicket after running one, because it was my call for the second run, which I would most certainly have made. Again, I was running to the wicket to which the ball was certain to be returned, and what danger there was I was taking. We lost by 30 runs, a match I have always thought we must have won.

"These cases of run-out are well worth consideration, the first being due to one of those unfortunate mistakes that will happen, and the second to the fact that my partner had not been in with me before, and was not so conversant with my methods as others, and that he misunderstood my 'Coming two,' as I passed on the first run."

COMBINATION BETWEEN THE BATSMEN AT THE WICKETS, HOWEVER, EXTENDS IN OTHER DIRECTIONS. IT WAS ALWAYS A STRONG POINT IN THE GREATEST TEST TEAMS OF AUSTRALIA. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED LATER.

### NEW I. C. CAPTAIN

London, November 27.—Mr. Frank L. Riseley was elected captain for 1938 of the International Lawn Tennis Club, at the annual general meeting, at which Lord Desborough presided.

Mr. Riseley has represented Great Britain in the Davis Cup, won the All-Comers' singles at Wimbledon three times, and was doubles champion with S. H. Smith, in 1902 and 1903. He is an hon. vice-president of the I.L.T.A.

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## BIG BATTLE PENDING ALONG LUNGHAI LINE

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that they were prepared after the loss of Manchuria for an attack from the north, since it was not even dreamed in those days that an attack would come from the south and east.

### 8TH ROUTE ARMY

New units of the 8th Route Army or former Communists, are being trained and recruited in Kansu and Shansi for guerilla warfare. This army probably totals 100,000 men and is now much better equipped than formerly. They have plenty of machine-guns and some light artillery, all supplied by the Central Government.

### HARRYING TACTICS

These troops are continually harrying Japanese communications in Shansi and along the Peiping-Hankow Railway, and may be brought into more direct contact with the Japanese if the latter move westward along the Lung hai line.—Reuter.

### LUNGHAI BULWARK

Peiping, To-day.

The last and strongest bulwark of Chinese defence in North China, the Lung hai Railway, running from Haichow along the coast via Hsuechow to Chengchow and Sianfu, is now gravely imperilled, according to despatches arriving in Peiping.

Importance of this line of defence may be seen from the fact that it includes two railway junctions—Hsuechow, on the Tientsin-Pukow

Railway, and Chengchow, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

### WITHIN 150 MILES

As previously reported, the simultaneous advance of the Japanese from the Chinese viewpoint is from north and south along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, has brought them on either side to within 150 miles of Hsuechow.

It is reliably stated that the Japanese centre between the Tientsin-Pukow and Peiping-Hankow railways, and also the Japanese right wing in Shansi province, have been strongly reinforced in the past few days.—Trans-Ocean.

## BUS SHELTER AT HOSPITAL

A shelter for bus passengers is to be erected at Queen Mary Hospital.

Tenders are called for in the "Government Gazette" for the performance of the work, which consists of the erection of a brick and reinforced concrete shelter.

The "Gazette" contains the regulations governing the firing of crackers at Chinese New Year, giving details of prohibited areas and other restrictions.

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### Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned that important conferences are taking place in the Japanese army regarding possible extension of hostilities to South China, with Canton as the objective.

Immediately after the fall of Nanking the Japanese undoubtedly contemplated making a landing in Kwangtung, near Bias Bay, as was witnessed by the concentration around Christmas of Japanese transports in the vicinity of the Bay.

These transports were dispersed at the end of December owing to the sudden change of plan, which observers believe to be due partly to the decision to reinforce troops operating on the Tientsin-Pukow line from the north, and partly from fear of complications owing to the proximity of the British colony of Hong Kong, the Japanese high command having been shaken by the Panay and Ladybird incidents, which indicated that Japanese troops were partly out of control.

Many neutral observers believe that an attack on Canton will certainly take place in due course but possibly not before the Lung hai operation is successfully accomplished.—Reuter.

### Canton, To-day.

The "Canton Gazette" publishes a small paragraph this morning stating that, under suspicion of "dangerous activities," an Italian priest at Shiukwan has been requested by the provincial authorities to leave Kwangtung.

The Italian Consul in Shameen informs Reuter that this matter is one many weeks old and that the priest was advised to depart because of dangerous air raids there and, not on account of subversive activities.—Reuter.

### Canton, 9.30 a.m.

Shortly before 8.30 a.m. today an air raid alarm sounded warning all over Canton.

According to Chinese sources, three Japanese planes were sighted over Tongkwawan and are now in the vicinity of Bocca Tigris, but it is too early for details.

The most likely objectives are the railways and the planes may not even pass near Canton.—Reuter.

### Shanghai, To-day.

The hand of the Japanese censors who assumed duties in the foreign cable companies on Jan. 6, has already been felt. A despatch from Victor Keen, correspondent of the New York "Herald-Tribune," describing excesses of Japanese troops after occupation of Hangchow, was held up for more than thirteen hours, after which Keen was informed that the message could not be sent because the censor lacked information to confirm the allegations therein. Keen raised the question at the daily press conference, at which a Japanese Embassy spokesman expressed regret at the occurrence. He said the censors were installed only on Jan. 6 and were not yet familiar with their task.—Reuter.

### Shanghai, To-day.

The British consul at Nanking, Mr. Prideau-Brune, left for Nanking yesterday on board H.M.S. Cricket to investigate the condition of the Embassy, consulate and other British property in the former Chinese capital. He will not reopen the British Embassy.—Reuter.

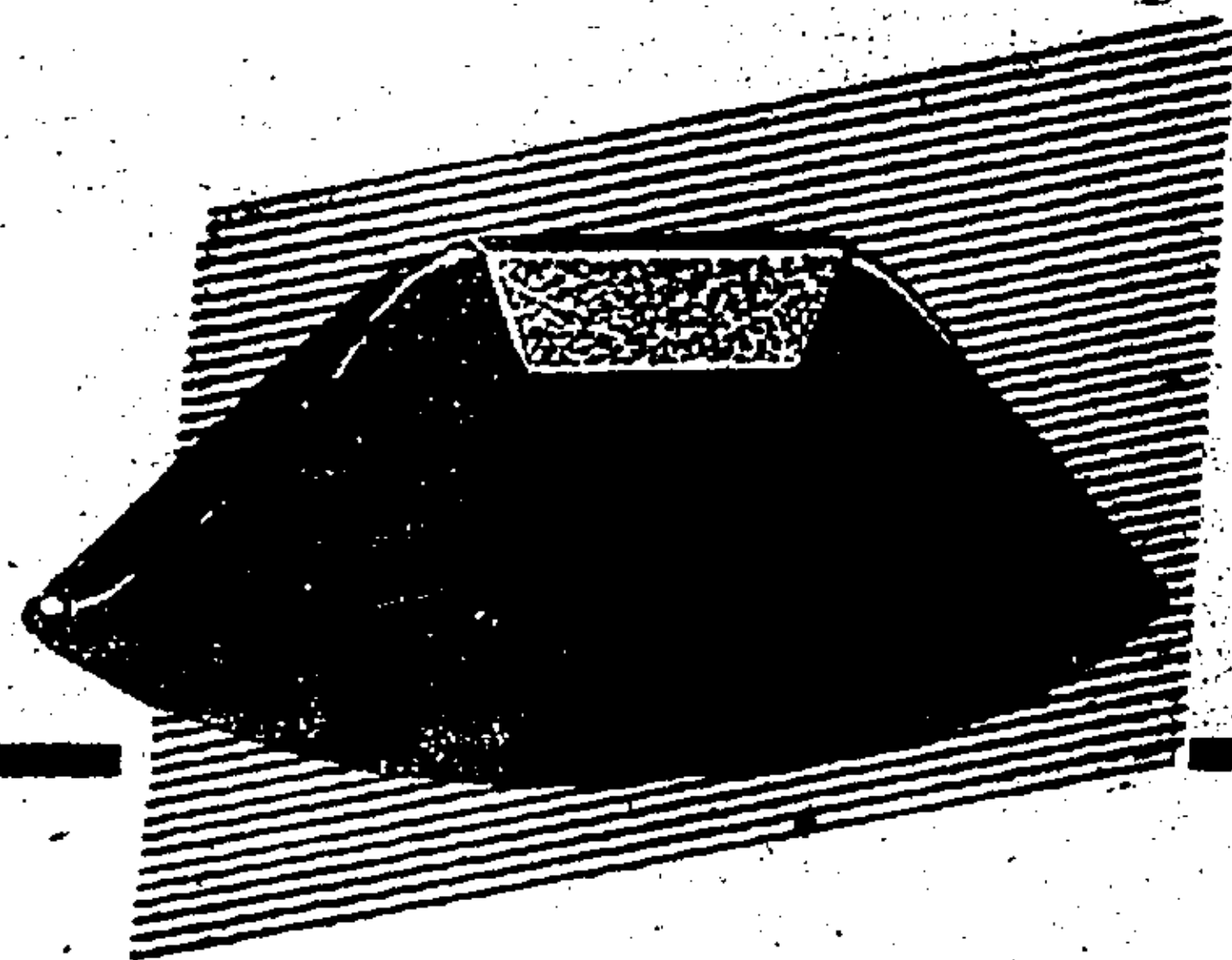
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